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THE PROPERTY TURKEY.

BY MARK MEREDITH.

The property turkey am I,
Of buckskin I'm made and puffed;
An elegant feast I supply,
With chestnuts I'm always stuffed.
I last all the lively year round,
Not only for one Yule tide,
And yet I'm available found,
My merits I never hide.
The property turkey am I, Ho! Ho!
And luscious I look from the nice front row.

In color, I'm done to a turn,
And players may come and go,
But never their appetites yearn—
My flavor they never know.
No axe on my beauutiful neck
Has lighted with fiendish glee;
You always have found me on deck
Since seventeen hundred and three!
The property turkey am I, Ha! Ha!
And pleasing to manager, supe and star.

Whatever the feast, those who dine
Off me always have enough,
With drumsticks in air I recline,
And nobody calls me tough.
I listen to jokelets and chat,
Whenever I'm dull of hue—
We'll say—like a wornout hat—
I'm varnished, right off, anew!
The property turkey am I, He! He!
How all Christmas turkeys must envy me!

THE SNAKE RING.

BY DUDLEY WINTHROP MOORE.

As a buyer for a large New York jobbing house, Howard Shepley had transacted his business in England, crossed the Channel to Calais, and taken the train for Paris, where his firm had a branch office.

The rain, which had been threatening all the morning, began to fall when the train started, and, for want of something better to do—he had read the sober *Times* to his heart's content, both on the boat and in the London express—the young man watched for a while the big drops patter against the car window.

Diagonally from him, in the corner by the opposite window, sat the only other passenger in the compartment, a fair young lady of about twenty-five, whom he had noticed in the Channel boat, and who was apparently traveling alone. Her general appearance bespoke her an English girl.

As Howard sat idly watching the raindrops strike and trickle down the pane he felt that his fellow traveler glanced at him shyly from time to time, and, indeed, when he suddenly turned his face in her direction, he saw her as suddenly avert hers toward the other window, and seemingly become absorbed in the same occupation as he had been whiling away the moments with.

The sudden shriek of the whistle, as the train dashed into a tunnel, made her start, and when, two or three seconds later, it flew out into the light again, she sat with her hands before her face.

Although she remained in this position but a moment, Howard noticed that she wore on the third finger of her left hand a peculiar looking gold ring, in the shape of a snake, studded with diamonds, which, though very small, were exceedingly brilliant, two little rubies representing the eyes.

When she removed her hands and looked around timorously Howard could not refrain from smiling and saying, as he slightly raised his hat:

"You were frightened, miss?"

"Oh, you are an Englishman!" she exclaimed. "I am so glad! Yes, I was a little frightened by that shrill whistle!"

"I am an American," Howard corrected, "so at least a sort of cousin to you, you know!"

She gave a little laugh, as she said:

"At any rate I am glad you speak English. To be obliged to travel alone is bad enough, but when we must travel in company with people that don't speak our language, the situation is extremely disagreeable,"

"Undoubtedly, for a young lady," replied Howard. "Since the ice is broken, permit me to introduce myself. I am Howard Shepley, of New York, dress goods buyer for Dodd, Sloan & Co."

"Shepley!" she cried, "Why, how strange! That is my name, too!"

"I told you that I was a sort of cousin to you!" said the young man, laughing in his turn. "Indeed, I have relations on my father's side in Sussex, I believe."

"Sussex!" she repeated. "That's where I belong—in Ovington. Do you know any of your Sussex relatives?"

"Not personally. My father's name is Owen Shepley. He was named after an English cousin of the second or third degree.

"Owen Shepley! Can it be possible? I have an uncle by that name!" she said, in one breath.

"Then we are, indeed, kindred of some sort," said Howard, gayly. "And I certainly am greatly pleased to meet you as such, for now we can feel something like old friends, instead of regarding each other as strangers."

The conversation now flowed freely. Howard learned that the Christain name of his fair distant relative was May, and that, owing to the death of her father, who had left her family poor, she was going to Paris to occupy the position of lady's companion to an invalid English lady, an old school friend of her mother, and who had married a French army officer.

"Then I shall be allowed to see you in Paris, I hope," he said. "My business will keep me there several weeks, before I go to Lyons and some of the German manufacturing places."

I see nothing to prevent it, since you are a relative," she returned, cordially.

Just then the train stopped at a station, and Howard, excusing himself, got out and went into the restaurant. On his return to the car he found it empty. Miss Shepley had left it; her valise was gone also.

Surprised, he glanced over the platform, but she was nowhere to be seen.

At that moment the signal sounded for departure, the doors were clapped to, and the train set itself slowly in motion.

Howard leaned out of the car window, expecting to see Miss Shepley running for the train at the last moment; but there was still no sign of his newly found relative.

Perplexed, the young man leaned back in his seat, and as his eyes wandered aimlessly about him suddenly they fell upon a sparkling object on the floor of the car. He picked it up and immediately recognized the peculiar looking snake ring he had seen on Miss Shepley's finger, and which, he remembered now, had seemed too large for it, as he had noticed the ruby eyes slip around once or twice and disappear.

"I found it, and hope to be able to restore it to its rightful owner. And thereby hangs a tale!" laughed the young man, who thereupon quickly told how the ring had come into his possession, Mr. Hawkes seeming to listen very attentively.

"And do you know the name of the station at which the young lady disappeared?" asked Mr. Hawkes, with a far away, pensive look, when Howard had finished his tale of adventure.

"Marais-Sur-Seine."

Mr. Hawkes sprang to his feet and sat down again, crying:

"Marais-sur-Seine, did you say, sir? And you noticed your fair fellow traveler on the Channel boat? She is the very person I am looking for, sir, the security would you mind telling me some of the particulars of the terrible crime? It is really very hard for me to believe that such a pure looking girl could be a murderess!"

"It's the old, old story, sir," replied Mr. Hawkes—"misguided love! My brother Thomas, a bachelor of thirty, fell in love with Harriet Windsor—which is the true name of the young woman—Miss Windsor was an orphan, and governess in a family living near London—in Wakesbury. My family, particularly my sisters, opposed the match and did all they could to seperate the two, who, at last, had a lover's quarrel. Miss Windsor then accused my brother of being false to her, and one evening, after she had been heard to make threats against

But where was Miss Shepley? What could have become of her? She had not told him that she was obliged to stop somewhere on the way to Paris.

Puzzled and disappointed, he mechanically tried the ring on his little finger, and finding that it fitted, left it there.

The remainder of his journey to Paris was without further adventure. He put up at the Hotel de l'Athenee, in the Rue Scribe, and proceeded to attend to his business.

He had been in Paris three or four days, when one morning, while eating his breakfast at one of the small tables in the restaurant of the hotel, a thick set, well dressed man with a florid face, seated himself opposite to him, saying, in English:

"With your permission, sir,"

"You are stopping at the hotel?" said Howard, graciously.

"Yes. I arrived from England several days ago," replied the stranger. "My name is Hawkes, sir—Mr. Charles Hawkes—dealer in precious stones. I take a run over now and then to look at the French diamond market."

Howard likewise introduced himself. Then a little pause followed, which was broken by Mr. Hawkes, who said, pointing his finger at the American's right hand:

"To be frank with you, sir, what brings me to you is the odd ring you wear."

"Ah!" said Howard, starting. "What about it?"

"I noticed it on your finger last evening, as you stood in the entrance hall, and, being a judge of rare gems, I was at once struck by the uncommon brilliancy of the stones, which, though small, are evidently of the first water. Might I ask you to allow me to examine them?"

Howard pulled off the ring and placed it in the hand of the dealer in precious stones, who examined it closely, wiped the little diamonds with his silk handkerchief, held the ring up to the light from the window, and murmured:

"Perfect! perfect! I have never seen small stones so pure! Oh, sir, pardon my boldness, but I would give you double what you paid for this ring! Is it possible for me to induce you to part with it?"

"The ring is not mine," replied Howard, surprised at Mr. Hawkes' enthusiasm.

and whom I lost track of. Sir ——" Mr. Hawkes' face became very grave. "Sir," he repeated, "there is a murder connected with this ring! There is blood on it, sir—the blood of the victim—of my poor brother Thomas!"

Howard, who had just taken the ring from the table, let it drop, gasping:

"A murder?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Hawkes, in a trembling voice—"yes! and I, the brother of the murdered man, have sworn to myself to hunt down the murderess! Your fellow traveler, sir, concocted her story to you for some purpose of her own. What seems to you very strange—her disappearance at Marais-sur-Seine—I can very easily explain. The day before I had got on her track between London and Marblehead, then lost all trace of her, and came to the conclusion that she had escaped to Calais, thence to Paris. So I crossed the Channel to Calais, and the next day proceeded to Paris in the very train you had taken, sir. At Marais-sur-Seine I got out to stretch my legs. She doubtless caught sight of me, whom she knew slightly, and slipped away. So, you see, sir, this ring furnishes me with a trace of her again. I must go back to Marais-sur-Seine and continue my search there, while the English police lose their time searching elsewhere. It is I who shall find the murderess of my unfortunate brother, sir—I, Charles Hawkes?" he added, drawing himself up proudly. "And this ring, sir, under the circumstances, you will doubtless allow me to take possession of—she stole it from her victim, sir. Of course, since I am a stranger to you, I will leave ample security in your hands till I can prove to your satisfaction that the ring really belonged to my murdered brother."

"Then, sir," said Howard, who was almost dumbfounded at what he heard, "you recognized this ring the first time you saw it on my finger?"

"To be sure," replied Mr. Hawkes. "But, you understand, I wished to approach you cautiously about it."

"Detective like!" smiled Howard, breathing more freely, glad enough to come out of the affair so easily. And he added:

"It is a most startling story that you have told me, sir, but before I give up the ring in return for him, he was found in a wood near Wakesbury, shot through the heart. The snake rink he always wore was missing, and, when inquiry was made for Miss Windsor, it was discovered that she had secretly fled. There is the case, and I have sworn to myself, as I said, to hunt her down personally."

"But it seems strange to me," remarked Howard, "that, if Miss Windsor really committed the dastardly crime, she should have been so careless as to wear your brother's ring, by which she might be detected."

"Indeed," replied Mr. Hawkes, wiping his brow, as if his agitation made him perspire freely, "there is no accounting for the carelessness of criminals. But it is fortunate for you, sir, that it was I who discovered my brother's ring on your finger, and heard your frank explanation of how it came into your possession, otherwise it might have mixed you very unpleasantly with the dark affair. A Scotland Yard man would, no doubt, take charge of your person along with the ring," concluded Mr. Hawkes, with a broad smile.

Howard pushed the ring toward him.

"I don't wish to have anything more to do with the cursed thing!" he exclaimed. "And I am really surprised that I could have been so easily deceived by this girl's claim of relationship! How my New York friends would laugh at me! I have traveled too much to be fooled so simply!"

Mr. Hawkes nodded, and drew from his coat pocket a wallet, from which he took a crisp thousand franc bill.

"The ring cost my brother about forty pounds, say a thousand francs. Here is the security—the cost of the ring. Should your evidence be needed, I will drop you a line—but that won't be necessary, I think—the case is so clear."

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A few hours later, as Howard walked along the Boulevard Malsherbes, he caught sight of a figure on the other side of the street that made him stop short and stare.

The young woman who attracted his attention thus was none other than his fair fellow traveler, Miss Harriet Windsor, alias May Shepley!

While he reflected on what he should do, he perceived that she recognized him and stopped also.

Quickly making up his mind, he crossed the street to where she stood.

"Oh, Mr. Shepley, how fortunate!" was the girl's greeting, before Howard could utter a word. "What must you have thought of my sudden disappear ance at Marais-sur-Seine?"

"I thought it very strange," murmured the young man.

"And yet, it was very natural," she said, briskly. "You had scarcely left the railway carriage when I was attacked with a faint feeling that frightened me so I got out half unconsciously and staggered to the ladies' waiting room for assistance. There I fainted away, and when I came to the train had gone."

"And your valise?" said Howard.

"I found it beside me in the waiting room, where a kind, pleasant woman had run to my assistance."

"And your ring?"

"Oh, I lost it in the railway carriage, I think—it was so loose! But why do you ask? Did you find it?" she queried, eagerly.

"Yes—I—found—it," he replied, slowly. "It lay on the floor of the car."

"Oh, I am so glad!" she cried. "Apart from its intrinsic value, I prize it because it belonged to my dear father. Have you it with you?"

Howard studied her face a moment, but it showed no sign of fear or a guilty conscience. Then he replied:

"No, it's at my hotel. But if you will meet me this evening I will return it to you. Where shall it be—at the home of the lady whose companion you said you were to be?" he asked, deliberately eyeing her narrowly, to see the effect of his words.

"Since we are related to one another, that would not be too indiscreet," she said, laughing, without any apparent embarrassment. "But I haven't been able to establish myself there yet. The lady, who was to have returned last week from the South of France, has been unavoidably detained, it seems, and, as the apartments are in charge of the concierge, to whom I am an utter stranger, I am obliged to wait in a quiet hotel in the Rue Vivienne, near the corner of the Rue Blois. You may meet me there."

"Very well," said Howard, perplexed at her calmness, "I will meet you there at eight this evening. You will excuse me now, I have a business engagement."

He shook hands with her, shuddering at the thought that they were the hands of a murderess, and hastened away.

"So she hasn't gone to her mother's old school friend," he murmured to himself. "Of course not! What other proof do I need? She must be arrested. Yet—yet—I hate to believe her a murderess! Confound this Hawkes! Would that I had never met him!"

He almost ran back to the hotel, and learned there that Mr. Hawkes had already left. He was in a hurry to go to Marais-Sur-Seine on very important business the clerk said. Then Howard believed that the proper course to pursue was to inform the police without delay.

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Monsieur Gringollere, the commissary of police sat at his desk in his private office, when a visitor was announced, and the next moment our troubled American friend stood before him.

"Monsieur," said Howard, going straight to the point in true Yankee fashion, "there is an English murderess in your midst!"

Howard's French was so abrupt and his manner so excited, that Monsieur Gringollere really thought for a moment that he had a "crank" to deal with, and, therefore, replied appeasingly:

"To be sure, monsieur, I know it."

"What!" cried Howard, "you know it already? Has Mr. Charles Hawkes been here?"

"Monsieur Charles Hawkes has not been here, but Monsieur Thomas Hawkes came here, and is here now," said the commissary of police.

"Thomas Hawkes!" exclaimed the young man. "I beg your pardon, monsieur. I don't understand. Thomas Hawkes was murdered, and his murderess is now in Paris. I saw her with my own eyes, not over an hour ago."

Without replying, Monsieur Gringollere struck a small bell on his desk, and said to the man who appeared:

"Bring Monsieur Thomas Hawkes before me. This gentleman asserts that he was murdered, and that his murderess is at large in our streets."

Then, when the man had withdrawn, Monsieur Gringollere once more turned to Howard, who looked amazed, and said quietly:

"Pardon me, monsieur; either you are laboring under an hallucination, or the French police have made a mistake. We received this morning a telegram from the chief of Scotland Yard, asking us to look for an English crook with many aliases, supposed to be masquerading in Paris under the name of Thomas Hawkes—which, by the by, is thought to be his true one. We arrested him about an hour ago—at least the person we believe to be this Thomas Hawkes. You say that Thomas Hawkes has been murdered—when, where, how, by whom? On these points you have not enlightened me. Perhaps this is really so—perhaps our present prisoner is an innocent man. But, monsieur, let me tell you that, when we searched his person, we found several false diamonds, three or four new thousand franc bills—counterfeits, monsieur—and, lastly, a valuable ring, formed like a snake, set with small, very brilliant diamonds, and two rubies as eyes."

Howard had uttered an exclamation, and, quickly taking a thousand franc bill from his wallet, which he laid before Monsieur Gringollere on the desk, said excitedly:

"Is that, in your opinion, good money or spurious, monsieur?"

"Spurious!" said Monsieur Gringollere, without a moment's hesitation, giving the young man a questioning look.

Just then the door opened, and, sandwiched between two robust policemen, in walked—was it a dream?—Mr. Charles Hawkes!

Howard felt a choking sensation.

"Thomas or Charles!" he cried, "the man is a scoundrel, a swindler! Don't let him escape! Wait till I return!" and he shot out of the door before any attempt could be made to stop him.

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May Shepley was about to step into the vestibule

of her hotel when Howard Sampley rushed along the sidewalk and almost ran into her arms.

"Miss Shepley! May!" he panted. "I have come before the appointed hour to tell you what a consummate ass I've been."

"Did you bring the ring?" asked the astonished girl.

"Confound the ring!" was Howard's vehement answer. "Oh, I beg your pardon! Come with me and get it. I will explain on the way. And Miss Shepley—May—let's be good friends! Let's not remain distant relatives! Can't we get closer? Let's try—will you?"

And they both tried so well that, a few weeks later, Howard took her back to her Sussex home, whence they returned to America as man and wife.

Theatrical.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Monday Night's Openings in All the Big Show Towns.

GOLDEN GATE GLEANINGS.

"The Idol's Eye," "Yon Yonson," "Two Married Men," "A Temperance Town" and "The Wedding Day" are the New Current Bills—Good Vaudeville Holds Forth at the Orpheum, Olympic and the Chutes.

[Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—At the Columbia Theatre Frank Daniels' Comic Opera Co. appeared last night to an overflowing house mainly composed of the swelldom of this city. "The Idol's Eye" was the opening attraction, and its sparkling music, and the excellence of the production and company, is sure to be rewarded with enormous business during this engagement.

CALIFORNIA THEATRE.—Sam Thall's superb company appeared here for the first night in the Swedish comedy drama "Yon Yonson" with the title role in the hands of Ben Hendricks. A carload of scenery is advantageously employed in adding to the excellence of this production. Crowded houses will no doubt rule during the week. "A Contented Woman" will follow 23. "Why Smith Left Home" 30.

NEW COMEDY THEATRE.—"Two Married Men" appeared here for the first time last night, and their antics created a whirlwind of laughter and applause. It is a very funny comedy.

ALCAZAR THEATRE.—L. R. Stockwell appeared last night, for the fourth week of his engagement here, in "A Temperance Town." Business is big. The house was closed 15 on account of the death of the mother of Manager Fred Belasco.

TIVOLI OPERA HOUSE.—"The Wedding Day" was sung here last night.

ORPHEUM THEATRE.—Houses are so crowded here that there is scarcely room for cigar smoke. The new comers here for the present week are: Johnny Carroll and Miss Cawford, the Three Alvolos, Max Cincinnati and the Abras.

NOTES.—People at the Olympic week of 9: The Three Bolden Bros., K. Ilr and Violette, Inerita Vincent, Marie D. Woods Drummond Sisters, Maud Gazar, Georgie McDermott, Felix Coleman and Maud Darrell..... At the Chutes stars from all quarters of the globe can be seen. The latest appearances here are "Pianka," the Lady of the Lions; Kathinka, Jack Symond, La Mont Family, Fresda Mullan and Ward to say nothing of Emil Markenberg, who makes balloon ascensions, by hanging by his teeth; Wm. T. Sapp the ossified man, and birds, and beasts, and reptiles from all climes constituting the Zoo..... Vance O'Neill is studying Lady Macbeth in which she expects to appear next season in London, Eng. ..... Sousa's Band will be here in March. ..... "The Sign of the Cross" will be an early attraction at the Columbia. ..... Jim Love is arranging Honolulu dates for the Janet Waldorf Company..... Ex-Assessor Tiebe and other prominent capitalists owning property in the immediate vicinity of the Baldwin, contemplate building the finest theatre of modern times for Messrs. Gottlob, Marx & Co., and it is almost a certainty that in 1900 the young manager will have possession of same.

FROM OTHER POINTS.

James A. Herne Produces "Rev. Griffith Davenport" at Washington, for the First Time on any Stage—Judge Grosscup of Chicago, Has Appointed Commissioners in Paris to Take "Cyrano de Bergerac" Testimony.

[Special Dispatches to THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—"The Rev. Griffith Davenport," a new play, adapted by James A. Herne from Helen H. Gardener's novel, "An Unofficial Patriot," was presented for the first time on any stage last night at the Lafayette Square Opera House, before an audience which was remarkable for its size. The title role was taken by Mr. Herne, and the company consisted of upward of forty speaking characters. The play is in five acts and two tableaux, and the scenes are laid in Virginia and Washington, in the time of the War of the Rebellion. The interest starts from the first rising of the curtain, and continues till the last fall of the same, augmenting as the play proceeds. The play is without doubt one of the best successes of the present season here, and of its class is the best produced since the war, which its incidents depict. The characters are all taken from life, having at one time had their living prototypes. The author of the story, Mrs. Helen H. Gardener, was present at the opening, and the entire house seemed occupied by those who had read the story..... The Burke & Chase Grand Opera House opening as a vaudeville resort was an event of importance last night, and attracted a standing room house, all the seats having been sold long prior to the opening of the doors. Camilla Urso and Marshall P. Wilder headed the list, and there were six other specialties, which served to more than please the patrons, who were unanimous in their praise of the enterprise. The new enterprise starts off well and, if the bills are kept up to the opening standard, vaudeville as a fashionable recreation has come to stay in Washington..... Hoyt's "A Day and a Night in New York" met with a most cordial reception at Rapley's National Theatre last night. There was not an empty seat, and the play, which is new to Washington, caught on great..... "The French Maid," with Bigelow and Held featured, opened at Luckett & Dwyer's Columbia Theatre scoring a success, notwithstanding its recent week at another theatre here..... Yale's "Devil's Auction" called out a packed house at Rapley's Academy of Music, satisfying completely..... Brian & Watson's Australian Beauties, at Kernan's Lyceum Theatre, filled the house twice yesterday..... Corrigne and a large number of other prime vaudeville favorites crowded Greve's Bijou Theatre at both matinee and night sessions.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 17.—At the Davidson Theatre packed houses greeted the Salisbury Stock Co. Sunday. C. Haddon Chambers' "The Old Gate" was given as a curtain raiser and was delightfully rendered by Misses Block and Palmer and Messrs. Dade and Murphy. The raiser was followed by the farce, "Arabian Nights," which was very artistically handled. Miss Algera's character work as the Gutta Percha Girl was in keeping with her always artistic work. Messrs Byrne, Howard and Carew were also good. The Misses Block, Robson, Palmer and Mrs. Marble all had pleasing roles, well rendered..... At the Bijou Opera House Jos. Hart's Specialty Co. opened to very good houses. The features of the bill are the work of Mr. Hart and his wife, Carrie De Mar, Lavender and Tomson, Yorke and Adams, M. Rudinoff, Ethel Levy and Chas. Aldrich. ..... At the Pabst Theatre the German stock revived the best of Blumenthal's comedies, "Gross Stadt'uf," with Ferdinand Weib and Miss Kossegg in the leading roles, and Weis, Markham and Messrs. Pechtal, Loeher, Kreese and Marlina all deserve mention..... At the Trocadero Theatre Fred Rider's Night Owls Burlesquers opened to packed houses..... At the Alhambra the vaudeville company put on this week by Manager Miller is certainly a very strong aggregation. Large audiences witnessed Sunday and Monday's performances. Durno, the magician, and the Hagiharas, a Japanese family, furnished a novel and clever turn. Howard Powers and Dolly Theobald made one of the hits of the bill. Jerome and Alexis, Carter, De Haven and Ronnie May were also loudly applauded. ..... At the Academy, Monday night, the Thanhouser-Hatch Stock Company presented a wonderfully elaborate production of Augustus Harris' great sporting melodrama, "The Prodigal Daughter." This was the first time it was ever presented in Milwaukee, and it was especially well received by the large audience that attended the opening. All the favorites of this excellent company, including both Mr. Thanhouser and Mr. Hatch, were cast in this play. Alberta Gallat was seen to excellent advantage.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—In spite of the fact that there was little new to be seen in town, the people turned out and tested the capacity of nearly all the playhouses to give the week a good send off..... At Powers' E. H. Sothern appeared in his new production, "A Colonial Girl." Viewed from the most critical standpoint the play leaves much to be desired, but it is full of romance, the melodramatic and the heroic, and the crowd which thronged the theatre was enthusiastic. Mr. Sothern was exceptionally well received. Katherine Florence had the leading feminine role and acquitted herself well..... The dust was brushed off the upper boxes at the Columbia when the engagement of Alice Nielson, in "The Fortune Teller," began last week, and it has not since been allowed to accumulate. Even the back rows in the gallery have been taken at the Sunday and Monday night performances..... "Brown's in Town" continued its merry round of success at McVicker's, and "Way Down East" filled the Grand..... The Great Northern was packed by "McFadden's Row of Flats." So was the Dearborn by "A Gold Mine" and vaudeville, and Hopkins' by "The False Friend" and intermediate specialties..... After the name of each outlying house and its attraction could be written "full house." These are "John Martin's Secret" at the Academy, a new Sutton Vane melodrama, full of sensation, which made its Chicago debut; Thomas E. Shea, in "The Man-o'-War's Man," at the Alhambra; "On Land and Sea" at the Adelphi, and "The Wheel of Fortune" at the Bijou..... The Chicago Opera House was packed by a bill headed by the Nelson Family, as was the Olympic by Al Leach and the Three Rosebuds and others, and the Haymarket by a list topped off by the Four Cohans..... Weber's Dainty Duchess Company was greeted by first class houses at Sam T. Jack's..... Judge Grosscup, of the United States Circuit Court, has appointed C. E. Sedington and H. A. Alexander of Paris as two commissioners to take depositions from Edmond Rostand in the "Cyrano de Bergerac" plagiarism suit brought by S. E. Gross, of Chicago. Mr. Rostand's examination is to begin Feb. 9.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Despite the heavy rain last night there was no lack of patronage at the theatres, and the managers have cause to feel elated at the excellent opening of the week..... The Boston Symphony Orchestra gave a splendid concert at the Academy last night, and had the assistance of Emil Sauer as soloist. This new German pianist made a distinct triumph..... Maude Adams continued in her perfect art at the Broad..... At the Chestnut Street Opera House "Hotel Topsy Turvy" delighted an audience which completely filled the house..... An audience of good size witnessed the performance of "The Master" by Henry Miller, at the Chestnut Street Theatre, and was treated to a thoroughly artistic performance..... Modjeska opened the week at the Walnut, in "Mary Stuart," to crowded attendance..... A filled house was drawn to the Park by Fanny Rice, in "At the French Ball"..... "Evangeline" was an entire success at the Grand, being produced with a completeness of detail and with an excellent cast. The house was completely filled..... Joseph Murphy in "Shaun Rhue," prospered at the National..... "Alone in London" was finely acted, to large attendance at Forepaugh's..... "Devil's Island" was well attended at the People's..... A crowded house, at the Grand grew enthusiastic over the performance of "A Black Sheep"..... The patrons of the Standard attended the performance of the "Octoroon" in large numbers..... Keith's played to the capacity during the afternoon and evening..... The Auditorium was filled by an audience which enjoyed the programme provided by Hyde & Comedians..... The chance of bill at the Eleventh Street stimulated attendance and the house was crowded..... Heavy patronage was bestowed on the European Sensation at the Lyceum. Sim Devere's Co. at the Trocadero, and Gus Hill's New York Stars at the Kensington..... The Museum had lots of people to see the many interesting features.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—The openings were of average worth and drew average attendance. "Robin Hood" was given by the Bostonians at the Century. The opera is a money maker, and the company very popular here. The combination is irresistable. It looks like big business all the week..... At the Olympic the Liliputians, in "The Golden Horseshoe," so owned to a fair business. Their week's stand in St. Louis always brings a margin of profit..... "Camille" is the offering of the Imperial Stock Company this week. It will be successful. Jessaline Rogers has the title part, and much interest is shown in Edmund D. Lyons' interpretation of the part of Duval, pere..... The new stock company at the Grand, headed by Minnie Seligman and Hobart Bosworth, are playing "The Girl." The cast is strong, and when the company gets fairly settled it will be a popular attraction. We now have two stock companies at popular prices playing here..... At the Columbia Beatrice Moreland, in "A Game of Golf," is a feature and a drawing card. The other acts are clever and the attendance is good..... Havlin's is doing a good business with "Finnigan's Four Hundred," with Timothy Finnigan in foreground..... "On Land and Sea" will be the attraction for Manager Garen's benefit Feb. 6..... Harry Morris has brought his Little Lambs back to the Standard for a return engagement and seems to be making money..... The second annual colored jubilee under the management of Jannapanio and Grimpsetiz opened Monday night; five hundred darkies are employed.

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—The principal change in the local round of attractions for the week was at the Boston Theatre, where a large audience was present to see the Mathews and Bulger, in "By the Sad Sea Waves." It is melodious and mirthful..... At the other houses the changes were: Mrs. Fiske in "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" at the Tremont; "Under Sealed Orders" at the Grand Opera House; "Have You Seen Smith?" at the Columbia, and "Darkest Russia" at the Castle Square Theatre..... At the Boston Museum Annie Russell, in "Catherine," was greeted with another audience that compared away up with any thus far during her engagement, and at the Park Theatre "A Dangerous Maid" was strongly in evidence judging from the size of the assemblage present..... John Drew's last week at the Hollis Street Theatre began with a gathering of the most brilliant aspect, and it seemed that Jones' brilliant comedy, "The Liars," has not heretofore during the stay of this talented actor, given with such vim and acceptability..... At Keith's Theatre Henry Lacy and Ida Van Siclen opened the week in a bright skechand a choice vaudeville entertainment added to the enjoyment of the visitors day and night..... At the Palace Theatre, long before the doors opened in the afternoon, crowds filled the vestibule and thronged the sidewalk in front of the house in the effort to reach the box office. ..... At the other popular price places business was of a nature not at all unsatisfactory.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17.—Richard Mansfield will establish a new Cincinnati record, that is assured. The Grand is nearer sold out for the week than at any other time in its history, while brokers, who secured many seats, have unloaded at a premium. "Cyrano de Bergerac" was put on Monday night..... At the Pike the Neill Stock Company's presentation of "An Enemy to the King" attracted the largest opening houses of the season. The use of S. R. O. signs was general..... "A High Born Lady," at the Walnut Street, and "When London Sleeps," at Heuck's, were both received with favor by audiences that packed each house..... The Star's return to combinations was marked by the interpretation of "For Her Sake" to good sized houses..... Vaudeville packed the Fountain Square, and Irwin Brothers' Burlesquers had an old fashioned jam at the People's.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 17.—All the theatres had immense business Sunday. At the Grand a big matinee and an S. R. O. night house saw and enjoyed "Under the Red Robe," in which Wm. Morris easily carried off the honors..... At the Orpheum both matinee and night houses were sold out before the doors opened, to see Hopkins' Trans-Oceanics, in which Kara, the Nawns, Polk and Kollins, and Josephine Gassman were features..... At the Glilis the "Span of Life" had a big matinee and turned them away at night..... The new Auditorium will open Saturday, with the Woodward Stock Company, in "Men and Women."

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 17.—"The Gay Matinee Girl" opened Sunday, at the Avenue, to a large audience..... "Rip Van Winkle" was the attraction at the Temple yesterday, drawing two crowded houses..... Macauley's is dark until tonight..... Fred Irwin's Majestic Burlesquers opened Sunday, at the Buckingham, to crowded houses. Last night's attendance was the same.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.—The after holiday reaction seemed to have set in last week as far as legitimate drama was concerned, for business was far from good at all our playhouses except where minstrelsy or vaudeville reigned—these did exceedingly well. The present week promises better results; the first production of a new play, the opening of a first class vaudeville house and otherwise prime attractions at each of the remaining houses should make the week highly profitable to the managers and entertaining to the playgoing public.

RAPLEY'S NATIONAL THEATRE has Hoyt's "A Day and a Night in New York" this week, for the first time here. Primrose & Dockstader's Minstrels had cause to be proud of their reception and excellent houses, which greeted them all last week. Mr. Primrose made his first appearance on the opening night, after a most severe attack of *la grippe*, which had prevented his appearance with his company during most of the previous week, but he remained manfully at his work and closed the week almost completely recovered. They have a fine company, and magnificent settings for both first and second parts. Mrs. McKinley had a large theatre party, occupying three boxes, on the closing night of the engagement. "Shenandoah" Jan. 23-28.

PAINTER'S LAFAYETTE SQUARE OPERA HOUSE has this week James A. Herne, in the first production on any stage of his new play entitled "Rev. Griffith Davenport," founded on Helen H. Gardner's novel, "An Unofficial Patriot." The new play is in five acts and two tableaux. The scenes are all laid in Virginia, and the time from 1859 to 1864. Last week "The Village Postmaster" did not prove a large winner, notwithstanding both play and players were above the average in excellence. Sousa's Band concert 22, Julia Marlowe 23-28.

LUCKETT & DWYER'S COLUMBIA THEATRE this week presents "The French Maid," a return engagement. Last week the Herrmanns pleased a good sized audience. Paul Gilmore in "The Dawn of Freedom" 23-28.

RAPLEY'S ACADEMY OF MUSIC has for its current attraction Charles H. Yale's "Devil's Auction." Last week Clara Morris played "Mrs. Dutton," her old time success, to fair business only. "A Grip of Steel" 23-28.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE opens the present week, under the management of Burke & Chase, as a fashionable vaudeville theatre, with twice a day performances. The opening bill has eight turns, including Marshall P. Wilder, Camilla Urso, the Five All Brothers, Marie Heath, the Deaves, Manning and Weston Duffy, Sawtelle and Duffy, and Rosaire. Last week the Albaugh Stock Co., from the Lyceum Theatre of Baltimore, devoted five nights and a matinee to a repertory, including "Jim, the Penman," "The Senator," "Moths" and "The Two Orphans," all of which were well acted by a most excellent company, but the patronage extended was not large, although what the audiences lacked in size they made up in enthusiasm.

KERNAN'S LYCEUM THEATRE has Bryant & Watson's Australian Beauties this week. Hurtig & Seamon's Bowery Burlesquers, a most excellent organization, played to large business last week. Tammany Tigers 23-28.

GREVE'S BIJOU THEATRE presents a fine vaudeville bill again this week, having Corinne as the top liner. Joe Flynn, Lew Bloom and Jane Cooper, Romalo Brothers, Reymond Musical Trio, Collins and O'Brien, Thornton and Marsh, and the Bijou Burlesque Co. Bessie Monehill headed the bill last week and business was limited only by the capacity of the house. The Sunday night concerts at this resort have become very popular.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Wheeling.—Good business was the rule at both theatres last week. At the Opera House Walter Whiteside attracted good sized audiences 9, 10, giving excellent satisfaction. Clay Clement, who, by the way, is a popular favorite here, presented "A Southern Gentleman" 14, to a very large audience. The Boston Lyric Opera Co. will hold the boards all of the present week, beginning 16.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The Brothers Royer pleased large crowds with their production of "Next Door," 9-11. They were followed by Oliver Bond Byron, 13-14, to good business. This week's attractions are Isham's "Octoroon's" 16-18, "The Stowaway" 19-21.

DAME RUMOR has it that Al. G. Field, while here last week, authorized an agent to look out for a suitable site for a new theatre. The report did not come out until after Mr. Field had left the city, hence it could not be verified.

On the Road.

All Routes Must Reach Us Not Later Than Monday.

DRAMATIC.

Arthur's, Julia—Boston, Mass., Jan. 23 indefinite.
Allen Viola—N. Y. City Jan. 16 indefinite.
Adams', Maude—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 16 indefinite.
Aubrey's Dramatic—Lexington, Ky., Jan. 16-21.
A mob Fun Makers—Anniston, Ala., Jan. 16-21, Rome, Ga., 23-28.
'After the War'—Lake Charles, La., Jan. 18, Orange, Tex., 19, Beaumont 20, Houston 21, Galveston 22, Brenham 24, Austin 24, Belton 25, Waco 26, Corsicana 27, Tyler 28.
"At Gay Coney Island"—Marion, Ind., Jan. 18, Lincoln, Neb., 19, Hastings 20, Kearney 21, Denver, Col., 22-28.
"At Piney Ridge"—Dowagiac, Mich., Jan. 18, Grand Rapids 19-21.
"Air Ship"—Ft. Wayne, Ind., Jan 18.
Byrne Bros.'—Bay City, Mich., Jan. 18, Saginaw 19, Grand Rapids 20, Chicago, Ill., 22-28.
Bennett-Moulton, A.—New Britain, Ct., Jan. 16-21, Meriden 23-28.
Byron's Olive—Dayton, O., Jan. 18-21, Columbus 23-25, Indianapolis, Ind., 26-28.
Bennett-Moulton, B.—Fall River, Mass., Jan. 16-21, New Bedford 23-Feb. 4.
Burrill Comedy—Fitchburg, Mass., Jan. 16-21.
Burns, Carrie Stanley—New London, Ct., Jan. 19-21, Greenwich 23-25, Lodi 26-28.
Boston Ideals—Belleville, Can., Jan. 16-21.
Brenahan Jackson—Scranton, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Pittston 23-28.
Barbour Theatre—Cloverdale, Ind., Jan. 16-21.
'Bunch of Keys'—Seattle, Wash., Jan. 16-21, Aberdeen 24, Olympia 25, Tacoma 26.
"Brown's in Town"—Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16-21.
"Belle of New York"—Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Buffalo, N. Y., 23-28.
"Bachelor's Honeymoon"—Sherman, Tex., Jan. 18, Gainesville 19, Dallas 20, 21, Ft. Worth 23, 24, Pine Bluff, Ark., 25, Hot Springs 26, Little Rock 27, Helena 28.
"Breezy Time," Eastern—Waynesburg, Pa., Jan. 19, Cannonsburg 20, McKeesport 21, Irwin 23, Mt. Pleasant 24, Connellsburg 25.
'Burr Oaks'—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23-28.
"Because She Loved Him So"—N. Y. City Jan. 16, indefinite.
Cazeneuve, Paul—St. Johns N. B., Jan. 16-28.
Cole & Johnson's—Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 18, Omaha 19-21.
Carter, Mrs. Leslie—N. Y. City Jan. 16, indefinite.
Crane, Wm. H.—Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18, Mobile, Ala., 2?, New Orleans, La., 22-28.
Cowles, Chas.—Youngstown, O., Jan. 18.
Clarke's, Creston—Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 18, Paducah, Ky., 21, Nashville, Tenn., 23 24, Clarksville 25, Evansville, Ind., 26, Washington 27, Brazil 28.
Clarke's, Harry Corson—Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 16-21, Brigham 23, Logan 24, Butte, Mont., 27, 28.
Chase-Lister—Salina, Kan., Jan. 16-21.
Columbian Comedy—Chippewa Falls, Wis., Jan. 16-21, Red Wing, Minn., 23-28.
Carpenter, Frankie—Clinton, Mass., Jan. 16-21, Taunton, 23-28.
Chanfrau, Henry T.—Hartford, Ct., Jan. 18.
Clifford & Huth—Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16-21, Dayton 23-25, Columbus 26-28.
Clarke-Hazleton—Frankfort, Ind., Jan. 23-28.
Chester's, Alma—Red Bank, N. J., Jan. 16-21, Elizabeth 23-28.
Clement's Clay—Dayton, O., Jan. 18, Indianapolis, Ind., 19-21, Anderson 23, Muncie 24, Fort Wayne 25, Toledo, O. 26, Elkhart, Ind., 27, Huntington 28.
Coghlan's, Chas.—Hartford, Ct., Jan. 19, New Haven 20.
Cummings Stock—Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6-21.
'Chattanooga,' Eastern—N. Y. City Jan. 16-21, Bridgeport, Ct., 23, 24, Norwich 25, Waterbury 26-28.
'Contented Woman'—Portland, Ore., Jan. 18, 19, San Francisco, Cal., 23-28.
'Cumberland, '65'—Hartford, Ct., Jan. 18, Middletown 19, Meriden 20, Waterbury 21, N. Y. City 23-28.
"Coon Hollow"—Wichita, Kan., Jan 25.
"Cuba's Vow"—Louisville, Ky., Jan. 16-21, Henderson 23, Mattoon, Ill., 24, Pana 25, Hannibal, Mo., 27, Salida 28.
Drew's, John—Boston, Mass., Jan. 16-21, Providence, R. I., 23-25, Portland, Me., 27.
Dodge, Sanford—Bismark, N. D., Jan 18, Dickenson 19, 20 Glendive, Mont., 21, Miles City 23-25, Forsyth 26, Billings 27, 28.
"Daughters of the Poor"—N. Y. City Jan. 16-21, Jersey City, N. J., 23-28.
"Dawn of Freedom"—Washington, D. C., Jan. 23-28.
"Day and a Night"—Washington, D. C., Jan. 16-21, Pittsburg, Pa., 23-28.
"Devil's Island"—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Brooklyn, N. Y., 23-28.
'Devil's Auction'—Washington, D. C., Jan. 16-21, Norfolk, Va., 23 Richmond 24, 25.
'Down in Dixie'—Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 23-28.
"Dazzler"—Denver, Colo., Jan. 16-21, Cedar Rapids, Ia., 27.
"Darkest Russia"—Laramie, Wyo., Jan. 21, Rawlins 23, Rock Springs 24, Ogden, U., 25, Salt Lake 26-28.
"Dangerous Maid"—Boston, Mass., Jan 16, indefinite.
Empire Stock, Frohman's—N. Y. City Jan. 16, indefinite.
Erwood Stock—Wellsburg, W. Va., Jan. 16-21, Toronto, O., 23-28.
Elroy Stock—Waltham, Mass., Jan. 16-21, Lewiston, Me., 23-28.
Emmett, Katie—Hoboken N. J., Jan. 26-28.
Elton's Comedians—Shelbyville, Ind., Jan. 16-21, Connersville 23-28.
'Electrician'—Dayton, O., Jan 18, Paris, Ky., 19.
'Evil Eye'—N. Y. City Jan. 16-28.
Fiske's, Mrs.—Boston, Mass., Jan. 16, indefinite.
Ferris' Comedians—Atchison, Kan., Jan. 16-21, Topeka 23-28.
Frost Stock—Orangeville, Can., Jan 16 21.
French's, R. E.—Butte, Mont., Jan. 16, indefinite.
'Faust'—Labadie's—Cairo, W. Va., Jan 18, Point Pleasant 19, Huntington 20, 21, Ironton, O., 23.
'French Maid'—Washington, D. C., Jan. 16-21, Newark, N. J., 23-28.
'Faust,' White's—Martin's Ferry, O., Jan. 18, Moundsville, W. Va., 19, Clarksburg 20, Grafton 21, Morgantown 23, Waynesburg Pa., 24 Monongahela 25, Brownsville 26, Leechburg 27, New Kensington 28.
"1492"—Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 20.
'For Her Sake'—Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16-21, N. Y. City 23-28.
'Female Drummer'—Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 16-21.
'Finnigan's Ball'—Ft. Scott, Kan., Jan. 18, Springfield, Mo., 19, Ft. Smith, Ark., 20, Little Rock 21, Helena 24, Pine Bluff 24, Hot Springs 25, Texarkana, Tex., 26, Shreveport, La., 27, Marshall, Tex., 28.
"Finnigan's 400"—St. Louis, Mo., Jan 16-21.
"Fabio Romani"—Peoria, Ill., Jan. 19-21, Galesburg 23, Monmouth 24, Bushnell 25, Canton 26, Clinton 27, Lincoln 28.
Goodwin, Nat C.—N. Y. City Jan. 16, indefinite.
Gaylor's, Bobby—Marion, Ind., Jan. 26, Brazil 27, Terre Haute 28, Evansville 29.
Gorman Bros.—Ashland, Pa., Jan. 18, Mt. Carmel 19, Shamokin 20, Harrisburg 21, Lewiston 23, Indiana 25, Latrobe 26, Connellsville 27, Greensburg 28.
Glenn's Sam'l W.—Marion, W. Va., Jan. 18, Abington 19, Bristol, Tenn., 20 21, Greenville 23, Morristown 24, 25 Asheville, N. C., 26 Hendersonville 28.
Gillette's Wm.—Macon, Ga., Jan. 18, Savannah 20 21, Richmond, Va., 26, Norfolk 27, Wilmington, Del., 28.
Gilmore & Leonard's "Hogan's Alley"—Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 16-21, Albany 26-28.
Gibneys, The—New Castle, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Youngstown, O., 23-28.
Green's, Joseph—Pittston Pa., Jan. 16-21.
'Gay Matinee Girl'—Louisville, Ky., Jan 16-21.
'Guilty Mother'—Cleveland, O., Jan. 16-21, Zanesville 25.
'Garry Owen'—Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16-21.
'Girl from Paris'—Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 16-21.
'Girl I Left Behind Me'—Worcester, Mass., Jan 16-21.
'Gettysburg'—Paterson, N. J., Jan. 18, Reading, Pa., 19-21.
'Girl from Chili'—Montreal, Can., Jan. 16-21.
Gilmore's Reception—Carlinville, Ill., Jan. 18, Springfield 19, Lincoln 20, Pontiac 23, Fairbury 24.
'Grip of Steel'—Washington, D. C., Jan 23-28.
Herrmann's, Leon and Adelaide—Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 20, 21, Birmingham, Ala., 23, Selma 25.
Harrigan's, Edward and Bob F.—Simmons—Toledo, O., Jan 19-21, Detroit, Mich., 23-28.
Hallmann's Maude—Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 16-21, Cumberland 23-28.
Hearne's, Jas. A.—Washington, D. C., Jan. 16-21.
Hanford-McLean-Tyler—Greenville, Tex., Jan. 18, Denison 19, Dallas 20, 21, Ft. Worth 23, 24, Gainesville 25, Sherman 26, Paris 28.
Holden Comedy—Dubuque, Ia., Jan. 16-21.
Hackett's, Jas. K.—Toledo, O., Jan 18, Chicago, Ill., 23-28.
Harcourt's, Jessie—St. Johns, N. B., Jan 16-Feb 11.
Hall Winter's—Quincy, Ill., Jan. 16-21.
Hazelton, Blanche—Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 16-21, Brazil 23-28.
Hamelein's Ideals—Easton, Pa., Jan 16-21, Paterson, N. J., 23-28.
Henderson Stock—Stanton, Mich., Jan. 16-21.
Haswin's, Carl A.—Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 16-21, Rochester 23-25.
Huotley-Jackson—Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 16-21.
"Heart of Chicago," Eastern—Port Chester, N. Y., Jan. 18, Hoboken, N. J., 19-21, Trenton 23, Plainfield 24, Asbury Park 25, Paterson 26-28.
"Hired Girl'—Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 18, Peoria 20, Galesburg 21, Moline 23, Clinton, Ia., 24, Dixon, Ill., 25, Freeport 26, Dubuque, Ia., 27, Waterloo 28.
'Human Hearts'—St. Thomas, Can., Jan. 18, Albany, N. Y., 19-21, Boston, Mass., 23-28.
"Humpty Dumpty'—Erie, Pa., Jan. 16-21.
"Heart of Maryland"—Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 18, Memphis, Tenn., 19-21, Springfield, Mo., 23, Topeka, Kan., 24, Leavenworth 25, Atchison 26, St. Joseph, Mo., 27, Sioux City, Ia., 28.
"Hogan's Alley," Gilmore & Leonard's—Butte, Mont., Jan. 18, Anaconda 19, Deer Lodge 20, Great Falls 21, Helena 23, Bozeman 24, Livingston 25, Miles City 26, Glendive 27, Dickerson 28.
"Heart of the Klondyke"—Baltimore, Md., Jan. 16-21, Philadelphia, Pa., 23-28.
'How Hopper Was Side Tracked"—Honolulu, Hawaii, U. S., Jan. 16-Feb. 26.
"Have You Seen Smith?"—Boston, Mass., Jan. 16-21.
Irwin's, Way—N. Y. City Jan. 16 indefinite.
'In Old Kentucky"—Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18, Marion 21, Decatur, Ill., 24, Peoria 26.
'Ivy Leaf'—New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 18 Newport, R. I., 19, Bristol 20, River Point 21, Waterbury, Ct., 23-25, Fall River, Mass., 26-28.
Johnson Comedy—Hornellsville, N. Y., Jan. 16-21, Ithaca 23-28.
Jefferson's Comedy—Toronto, Can., Jan. 19-21, Guelph 23, Hamilton 26.
James-Kidder-Warde—Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 16-21, San Diego 23, 24, Pasadena 25, Fresno 26.
'Jolly Lot'—Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 18, Ashland, Ky., 19, Jackson, O., 20, Waverly 21, Chillicothe 23.
"Jack and the Beanstalk"—Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 19, Atlanta, Ga., 20, 21, Charleston, S. C., 24, Macon, Ga., 26.
"Jay in New York"—Providence, R. I., Jan. 16-21, Fall River, Mass., 26-28.
"John Martin's Secret"—Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16-28.
"Joshua Simpkins"—Plainfield, N. J., Jan. 20, Elizabeth 21.
Kelcey Shannon—Selma, Ala., Jan. 18, Montgomery 19, Columbus, Ga., 20, Macon 21, Atlanta 23, 24, Chattanooga, Tenn., 25, Knoxville 26, Roanoke, Va., 27, Lynchburg 28.
Kennedy, J. Walter—Abbeville, S. C., Jan. 19 Elberton, Ga., 20, Athens 21, Griffin 23, Newman 24, West Point 25.
Klimt-Hearn—Shreveport, La., Jan. 16 21, San Antonio, Tex., 23-5, Houston 26 28.
Kellar—Cleveland, O., Jan. 16-21.
King Dramatic—Portsmouth, O., Jan. 16-21, Springfield 23-28.
King Chas.—Natchitoches, La., Jan. 21-28.
'Knobs o' Tennessee'—Providence, R. I., Jan 16-21.
Le Roche's Hennessy—N. Y. City Jan. 16-21, Paterson, N. J., 23 25, Wilmington, Del., 27.
Liliputians—St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 16-21, Cincinnati, O., 23-28.
Lyceum Stock, Frohman's—N. Y. City Jan. 16, indefinite.
Lyceum Theatre, Frederick's, No. 2—Andover, S. D., Jan 18.
Lyceum Theatre, Sweet's—Decorah, Ia., Jan. 16-21, Cresco 23-28.
Lewis, Dorothy—Denver, Col., Jan. 16-21.
Long's, Frank E.—Ashland, Wis., Jan. 16-21.
'Lost Paradise'—Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 26-28.
"Little Dunkardess"—Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 18 Sturgis 19, Kalamazoo 20, Holland 21, Grand Rapids 23-25, Toledo, O., 26-28.
"Little Lord Fauntleroy"—N. Y. City Jan. 23-28.
'Lost in New York'—Wilmington, Del., Jan 21.
"Land of the Living"—Cincinnati, O., Jan. 23-28.
"Late Mr. Early"—Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 8 Newcastle 19, Richmond 20 Springfield, O., 21, Troy 23, Urbana 24, Bellefontaine 25 Shelby 26, Bucyrus 27.
"Little Minister"—Williamantic, Ct., Jan. 18, Putnam 20, Westfield 21 Pittsfield, Mass., 23 Saratoga, N. Y., 24, Schenectady 25 Johnstown 26, Amsterdam 28.
Marlowe's Julia—Baltimore Md., Jan. 16-21, Washington, D. C., 23-28.
Murray Comedy—Streator, Ill., Jan 16-21, Joliet 23-28.
Miller's, Henry—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Brooklyn, N. Y., 23-28.
Myrkle & Harder—Athens, Ga., Jan 16-21.
Macauley-Patton—Butler, Pa., Jan 16-21, Clarksburg, W. Va., 23-28.
Morgan's, Courtenay—Beaver Falls, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Alliance, O., 23-28.
Miles' Ideal Stock—Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 16-21, Elmira, N. Y., 23-28.
McDowell's, Melbourne—Detroit, Mich., Jan. 18 Louisville, Ky., 23-28.
Morrison's, Lewis—Peoria, Ill., Jan. 18, Burlington Ia., 21 Keokuk 23.
Murphy's, Tim—Colorado Springs, Col., Jan. 18 Pueblo 19 Cheyenne, Wyo., 20, Grand Island, Neb., 21, Omaha 22, 23 Des Moines, Ia., 27 Cedar Rapids 28.
Mantell's, R. B.—Pebo, Ia. Kan. Jan. 18, Chatham 19, Ann Arbor, Mich., 20 Jackson 21 Detroit 23-25.
Mansfield's, Richard—Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16 21, Indianapolis, Ind., 23, Toledo O., 25.
Mort mer, Chas.—Lancaster, O., W. Va., Jan. 16-21, Frostburg, Md., 23-28.
Mack's, Andrew—N. Y. City Jan. 16, indefinite.
Markham's, Harry—Elizabeth N. J., Jan 23-28.
Martell's Merry Makers—Pomona, Cal., Jan 19-21.
Murphy's, Joseph—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan 16-2, Buffalo, N. Y., 23-28.
Myers-Leyburne—Ashland, Pa., Jan. 23 28.
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Whitney's, Jas. H.—Athens, N. Y. Jan 18, Coxsackie 19, Catskill 21, Rondout 23, Saugerties 24.
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Washburn's—Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 18, Pawtucket 19-21, Milford, Mass., 23, Waltham 24, Clinton 25, Fitchburg 26, Lynn 27, 28.

CIRCUS.

Leavitt & Seamon's—Tampa, Fla., Jan. 16-21.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Canadian Jubilee Singers—Chicago, Ill., Jan. 18-21, Joliet 23, 24, Dwight 25, Kankakee 26, Watseka 27, Hooperstown 28, 29.
Coyle's Museum—Anniston, Ala., Jan. 16-21.
De Leon's Novelty—Trenton, N. J., Jan. 16-21.
Darktown Swells—Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 16-21.
Graham's Southern Specialty—Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 19-21, Lowell, Mass., 23-25, Providence, R. I., 26-28.
Guy's Novelty—Columbus, Mo., Jan 16-21, Mex co 23-28.
Griffith, Hypnotist—Muscogee, I. T., Jan. 16-21, Wagoner 23-25.
Knowles, The—Cherryvale, Kan., Jan. 19-21 Galena 23-25.
McEwan—Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 16-21.
Martz, Al.—Bristol, Me., Jan. 19, Round Pond 20.
Nashville Students—Joplin, Mo., Jan. 19, Nevada 23, Clinton 25, Harrisonville 28.
Perkins, Ell—Holdridge, Neb., Jan. 18.
Reed & Van's—Amenia, N. Y., Jan. 19, Philmont 20, Athens 21, Tivoli 23, Germantown 24.
Rice's All Fun—Kingston, Mo., Jan. 18.
Smith & Gorton's—Jamestown, N. D., Jan. 18, 19, La Mouri 20, Lisbon 21-23, Ellendale 25, 26, Aberdeen, S. D., 27, 28.

IOWA.

Cedar Rapids.—At Greene's Opera House, Jan. 9, Edward P. Elliott, impersonator, pleased a good house. "At Piney Ridge" was excellently produced 11. Especially good was the work of the author-actor, David Higgins, Georgia Waldron, Lydia Knott, Charlotte Wade and Edith Weil. Wm. Metzler, electrician, joined the company in Chicago. "At Gay Coney Island," 13, was as entertaining as ever. Linton and Harry won numerous recalls. Alf Holt's whistling and mimicry were fine. Mattie Lockett's singing and dancing, the singing of Mayme Kelso, and the Sisters Le Page's lightning changes, were very good. May Wentworth, who joined the company 7, made a good widow. Chas. Smith and Lucy Lane closed with the company 7, and returned to New York. John L. Sullivan's Co. is here 13. "El Capitan" 21, John Thomas Concert Co. 23, "The Dazzler" 27, Tim Murphy 28, Broadway Opera Co., in "The Highwayman," 30; "The Heart of Maryland" 31, Blaney's "A Hired Girl" Feb. 3.

NOTES.—Murray and Mack, in "Finnigan's 400," booked for 17, canceled without even notifying the local management.....H. V. Higgins, programmer for "At Piney Ridge," was in town 10.....Ed. Millaird, business manager of Foster's and the Grand Opera House, Des Moines, was here 8, the guest of Business Manager Peck.....Dunstan Collins, manager for Leopold Godowsky, pianist, was here 7, arranging for his early appearance.....F. E. Blose, agent for Bachman's Glass Blowers, was in town 11, and arranged for their appearance 16-21, at 206 First Avenue..... Stage Manager Houx went to Springfield 10, to set up the scenery for the new opera house. Manager Henderson was in Des Moines 11-13.....Wm. V. Malenberg was here 13, *en route* to join his family at Kansas City, Mo.

Davenport.—At the Burtis Opera House, Jan 8, "A Texas Steer" played to a large audience, and gave good satisfaction. Lincoln J. Carter's "Chattanooga" drew a good audience 10. John L. Sullivan and vaudeville co., 12, attracted a fair audience. Coming: "At Piney Ridge," matinee and evening, 14; "Town Topics" 15, Blatchford Kavanaugh and Roney's Boys, in concert, 18.

HOBSON THEATRE.—Business here is improving, and the prospects for the future are very bright. The coming week these will be seen: The Howard Trio, Mrs. Kay Mac, Little Beth, Anna Carker, Viola Rogers, Betty Woodruff, Fred Imhoff, Perry and Cohill and Grace Gilmore.

MANAGER CHAS. T. KINDT'S play, "Money to Burn," is at present touring the State of Illinois.

Des Moines.—"At Gay Coney Island," with Harry Linton and Jimmie Barry in the leading roles, appeared to a good house Jan. 14, at Foster's. "Why Smith Left Home" preceded it one night, to much larger busine s. The Cameron Concert Company put in 9 to small attendance. "Under the Red Robe" packed the theatre afternoon and evening, 2. Mme. Scalchi is due 16. Robert G. Ingersoll, in a lecture on "Superstition," 21. "El Capitan" 24, Tim Murphy 27.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—"Sowing the Wind" had good business 9-11. "Pablo Romani" came to fair houses 5-7, "Who is Who" fared well 4, and Charles A. Gardner drew large houses 2, 3. "Town Topics" comes 16-18, John L. Sullivan 19, Jule Walters' "Side Tracked" 20-21.

Burlington.—At the Grand "Why Smith Left Home" was greeted by a splendid audience Jan. 10, and more genuine enjoyment derived from it than any farce comedy ever seen in this city. The house won't hold the people next time. "A Texas Steer" drew well 11. Katie Putnam's old friends gave her a cordial greeting and Walter Sears filled Tim Murphy's part very acceptably. "Town Topics" failed to draw 12. They put up a rattling good show. John Sullivan's prospects for 14 are excellent. "1492" 16, Morrison's "Faust" 21, "Money to Burn" 24, "El Capitan" 26.

Keokuk.—At the Keokuk Opera House Lincoln J. Carter's "Chattanooga" was presented to moderate business Jan. 9. World, Garnella and Mack, in the pantomimic farce, "Town Topics," made a good impression and had a good audience. "Why Smith Left Home," with a company pronounced the best seen here this season in farce, delighted a good house 12. John L. Sullivan's Own Co. is underlined for 16, Lewis Morrison's "Faust" 23, Walker Whiteside, in "The Red Cockade," 25; "The Span of Life" 26, "Money to Burn" 30.

Dubuque.—At the Grand Opera House, 9, the John L. Sullivan combination played to a good house. "At Gay Coney Island" had a good house 10. Coming: "1492," headed by "Stuart", 14, Holland Comedy Co., in repertory, at popular prices, 16-21.....The Dubuque Boat Club give its annual entertainment 24-25. The show will include a minstrel performance by local talent, under the direction of Mr Haskell.....At Stout Auditorium, 19, Kavanagh and Roney's Boys' Concert Co.

Council Bluffs.—At the Dohaney Theatre "Sowing the Wind" was favorably received by a fair sized audience Jan. 12. Mme Scalchi and company will be heard in operatic concert 13. The first act of "Semiramide" and the second act of "Martha" will be given. "Why Smith Left Home' comes 15. "At Gay Coney Island" 17, Robt. Ingersoll 19, the Sullivan and Kilrain Vaudeville Co. 20, "Town Topics" 22.....H. Quintus Brooks, in advance of "Sowing the Wind," was all about the town 10 and renewed old acquaintances.

Marshalltown.—At the Odeon "At Piney Ridge" had a fair sized and highly appreciative audience Jan. 9. The Cameron Concert Co. gave a fine concert, to a poor house, 10. Booked: "At Gay Coney Island" 13, Blachford Kavanagh 16.

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.—At the Academy of Music, Jan. 10, 11, "Side Tracked" drew the usual top heavy houses. The house was closed the rest of the week. The Herrmann's come for one performance 16, Roland Reed 17, Otis Skinner 20, 21, Sousa's Band 23, "Devil's Auction" 24, 25, "Secret Service" 26.

BIJOU.—A vision of beauty greeted the eyes of those who were fortunate enough to gain admission on the opening night. Decorations of American flags artistically arranged, potted plants and the myriads of small incandescent lights transformed the interior of the house into a scene of fairyland, and many were the expressions of admiration. Never before was a stronger vaudeville bill presented in this city, and every act was received with applause. Press Eldridge was at his best, and at once established himself a prime favorite. Joe Bonnell was accorded an ovation by his numerous friends. Manager Wells deserves great credit for the energy and enterprise he is displaying in his new field, and success is bound to result. The bill for week of 16: John C. Fox and Katie Allen, Wills and Loretto, Dunbar and Harris, Review Comedy Four, the Gonnellas, Jeanette Elliott and Helen Tuesart, and the American Vitagraph with a change of pictures.

PUTNAM'S THEATRE COMIQUE.—Opening 16 and week: Etta Barnes, Amy Lee, Nina Oliver, Clara Demar, Flossie Smith and John Healy.

Norfolk.—At the Academy of Music "Side Tracked," the only attraction of the week, came Jan. 12, 13, and owing to the very disagreeable weather the attendance was small. It we may judge by the advance sale, Roland Reed, who comes 16, in "The Woman Hater," will be greeted by a packed house. Otis Skinner comes 17, "The Colored 400 Cake Walkers" 19, "Devil's Auction" 23, Sousa 24, "Secret Service" 27.

BIJOU THEATRE.—People who open week of 16: La Petite Abbey, Edith Johnson, Blanche Dowley, Susie Belmont, Flo Johnson, Hattie Aarons and Hermie Nixon. Business big.

ATLANTIC GARDEN.—Newcomers for week of 16 are: Ray Lewis and John A. Lesslie.

FRANKLIN THEATRE.—People to be seen at this resort week of 16: Ada Sullivan, Jimmie Woods, Minnie Patterson and Ada Fine.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—G. A. Morrill Jr. is now sole lessee and manager of this house. Manager Morrill goes to New York current week to arrange with Messrs. Hartig & Seamon, who will probably attend to the booking.

DELAWARE.

Wilmington.—At the Grand Opera House, week of Jan. 9, Himmelein's Ideals did excellent business. Booked: Al. G. Field's Minstrels 16, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" 17, Sousa's Band 17 (afternoon), "Lost in New York" 21, Vanity Fair 23, "Other People's Money" 27, "Secret Service" 28, Julia Marlowe 30.

DOCKSTADER'S THEATRE.—Week of 16: Bicknel, clay modeler and sculptor; the Sisters Clemence, Harry Edson and his dog, the Hunting Trio, Gilmour and Mages, Mortimer and Darrell, Burto, Klein and Clifton, the Two Fantas, and Araim and Wagner.

PENNSYLVANIA.—[See Page 794.]

Easton.—At Able Opera House, Jan. 11, Andrew Mack came to fair business. "Under the Dome" had a light house 13. "Chattanooga" had fair business 14. Coming: For 16 and week, the Ideals; Jan. 23, Easton Band.

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Gaffney, J. J.
Guise, S. W.
Gorman, Wm. O.
Gazzella, Dick
Gardner, Andy
Gallagher, Eddy
Gallagher, M. J.
Gilmore & McGee
Guy, W. H.
Graine, John
Goldie, Dr. W. M.
Gibson, J. Howard
Gardner, Frank A.
Grimes, T. J.
Gilson & Perry
Grant, L. M.
Gorman, Chas. J.
Gleasons, The
Girard, Emil
George, Zekar
Garland, Phil
Guy, Edwin
Gilbert & Barker
Genaro, Dave
Goodrich, Jas. W.
Godding, Fred
Gaffey Bros.
Gray, John
Grant, C. W.
Guy, G. E.
Gilmour & Magee
Goodrich, A.
Gauze, W. F.
Gallagher, E. F.
Glant, Irvin
Groh, Geo.
Gardner, E. J.
Guy Bros. Minst.
Griffin, Frank S.
Griffith, H. S.
Gordan, F. O.
Gale, Wilbur M.
Haven, P. H.
Hargrave, P. H.
Harrison, Hugh
Hamilton & Wiley
Hudson, Alfred
Harrison, Henry
Harvey, H. Fletcher
Heart, Wm.
Hopcraft, Frank
Hart, J. S.
Harrington, Daniel
Hogan W. J.
Holt, Frank
Holden, Chas. A.
Hart, Dr. F. A.
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Hyman, S. M.
Hitchcock, Frank
Higgins & Leslie
Hamilton, Harry
Harrison, John J.
Horner, Sam
Howes & London
Haywood, Alba
Horton, W. H.
Hempton & Johnson
Hayden, Joe
Holmes, W. J.
Bayden, Ralph
Helston, Walter
Huffman, Frank C
Hanner, Chas.
Henderson, Harry
Howard, Dr. Tom
Holden Bros.
Hibbard, C. A.
Hadley & Hart
Hewlette, Robt. A.
Holland, E. J
Hampton, J. W.
Hall, J. W.
Howard, H. J.
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Hamilton & Herndon
Hoyt Comedy Co.
Hanley, H. E.
Hiatt & Pearl
Hicks, Geo.
Hammond, Frank
Howard & Emerson
Hughes, Jack
Holcomb & Cushman
Hogan, Ernest
Holman, A. E.
Hegelman, Geo.
Hodgkins, Burt
Holland, E. J.
Hawley, W. R.
Hull, Mr. & Mrs. 4c.
Hubbell, T. C.
Howe, Ben Willard
Hulme, J. A.
Harms, Frank
Hall, Milt. H.
Hafford, Will G.
Hodge, Harry
Hanlon, John A.
Hill, Prof.
Hurd, T. J.
Helstons, Wallie & Lottie
Hamilton, Col. Geo
Hall, A. H.
Hyde & Leola
Hargrave, P. H.
How, Seymour W.
Hays, Jerry E.
Haas, C. L
Hazlewood, Jno. O
Inman, Harry
Irons, W. B.
Ireson, H. R.
Irvin, Geo.
Jefferson, Com. Co.
Johnsone, O. H.
Jackson, Prof. W. L.
Johnsons, The
Jacquin, Geo.
Jefferson, C. B.
Joy, B. F.
Johnston, Frank
Jerome, Thos.
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Johnson, Carroll
Janett, Harry
Johnson, Davenport & L
Jeffers, Dick
Junker, W. A.
Johnson, W. M.
Jackson W. D.
Johnson, C. D.
Jenkins, Harry
Jennings, John
Jays, Frank
Knight, Chas. S.
Kenna, Chas.
Kent & French
King & Hawkins
Ketchum, Phil
Knowlton, H. E.
Kershaw, E
Knight, Fred M.
Keefe, John
Kline, Isaac
Kissell, Frank
Koppe, S.
Keller, W. P.
Keaton, Long & Keaton
Keyes, Dr. W. H.
Koky, F. M.
Kingsley, H. S.
Keller, Gene
Kramer, Don
Kid, —
Kropp—(manager)
Kerr, C. H.
Kissick, J.
Kiraify Bros.
Kirahoff, Prof. I.
Kinemy Family
Karl, Wm.
Karrolton, Percy
King, Everett
Kramer, Harry
Kirke, J. Francis
Kent & French
Kay, Fred
Kilroy & Britton
Lowell, F. G.
Lewis, W. R.
Luke, Bert
Lario, C. E.
Labadie, Francis
Le Roy, Nate
Lawrence, W.
Logan, Harry F.
Longaere, J. A.
Lancaster, John
Leffingwell, Nat
Le Roy, Servais
Littlefield, C W.
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Lee, Ollie
Lea, Charley
Leavitt, H. A.
Leavitt, H. L.
Long, Frank
Leno, Don H.
Leroy, Harry
Lawrence & Harrington
Lucier Bros.
Leno, D. H.
Logan, Sam
Lick, Carl
Lamondue, Frank
La Reanee, The
Lassard, Albert
Lucas, Sam
Langslow & Vetter
Lee, C. V.
Leslie & Curdy
Langstaff, A. M.
Lynch, W. H.
Lang, E. R.
Lang—(of B S.Co.)
Lelliott, H. G.
Le Loy, Frank
Lee, — (hypnotist)
Loselle, Dave
Leslie, Harry
Lavender & Thompson
Loss, Tony F.
Lambert, Charlie
Leon & Lester
Lewis, John
Linton, J. D.
Lefeber, Walter
May, Geo. E.
Mack, Lee
Morris, Harry
Martin, A. W.
McCallum, W. B.
Milligan, Phil
Mueller, Ed A.
Myers, Harry
Mantel, Oliver
Melville, Frank
McAvoy, A. J.
Murray & Mack
Marion & Pearl
Marshall, Thos.
Masson, L. E.
Murtha, J. H.
Mansergh, J. S.
McRobie, Will
Martine, M. J.
Magee, Burt
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Meeker, J. L.
Morton, Jas. S.
Murphy, A. J.
Meeks, W. C.
Merkel, Carl
Murphy, Joseph
McCabe, J. F.
Matsumoto, —
Meehan, John
Monroe & Mack
Murphy, Jas T.
Murphy & Nolan
Mullaney, Ed.
Montgomery, C. D.
McWatters & Tyson
Mello, Geo. E.
Mayfield & Lee
Murtha, John H.
Mullan, John K.
Mountney, Edward
Marley & Duncan
McCann, Geo. F.
Mack, Chas.
Maxam, W. K.
Mestayer, H. B.
Marion, Dave
Mordaunt, Edwin
McMillan, Jas.
Mathiew, Mons.
Mintah, T.
Mahara, Frank
Murphy, Joe B.
Mantell, Wesley
Maher, P.
Mills, W. J.
Malhaley & Neary
Mencer, Carl
Macchi, C.
Murphy, Loney
McCann, Chas.
Mortimer, Chas.
McDuff, Jas.
Mignani Family
Mack, Harry
Melville, Ernest
McEnroe, Joe
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Marion, Frank
Mack, Jas. B
McCormick, Frank
Mackaye, Hugh
Marts, Al.
Marks, Hugo
Melville, Arthur
Marinellas, The
McFadden, E. E.
McGinley, Bob & Eva
Morgan, Edward
Mills, Harry L.
McCarver, Howard
Mack, Chas.
Mack, Dick
Morton, Harry
Morrissey, Thos. P.
Moreland, Harry H.
Moore, Geo. F.
Mozart, Ed
Meehan, Wm. A.
Mills, Jas. K.
Meely, Sam
Murdy, Sam
Waite, Chas.
Marsden, Richard
Nerser, Al.
Negrotto, J. B.
Norris & Haswick
Norvelle, Sidney
Nelson, Sam D.
Nebelung, Herman
Nickerson, E. E.
Noyes, A. C.
Navaro, Sig.
Nelson, Martin
Nesa e, Leon
Newton, Chas. L.
Neiderf, E. A.
Newell, L. B.
Osborn, Hook
Oliver, Jack
O'Brien, Eddie
Offner, J. E.
Osborne, Chas. H
Pelham, C. D.
Peck, W. K.
Polk, Dan
Polos, The 3
Perine, Ed. I.
Potts, Frank L.
Pacy, F. C.
Porter, W. A.
Powers, Henry
Peters & Green
Prentice Trio
Paulton & Doley
Powell, Clarence
Powers, L. N.
Patrick, Frank
Platt, Jacob
Price, Capt. E. A.
Parkinson, R. F.
Parker, Burt
Paolis, A.
Pratt, Ben E.
Pawnee Bill Show
Petrie, W. O
Patterson, Edwin
Pyne, Dick
Pritzkow Louis W.
Ryan, Ed J.
Rossi, Jim
Revere, Fred
Robbins & Childers
Riley, Tommy
Rice, Wm.
Ravel, C. W.
Raymond, Robt.
Robinson, Geo S
Ralston Walter
Roltair Prof. H.
Rutherford, Billy
Richards, Geo.
Roberts, A. E.
Reynard, Edward
Rogers John R.
Reed, Cicero
Rand, Phil
Rockwood, Harry
Roscoe, J. S.
Reese, Ernest
Rawson, Guy
Rosaire & Elliot
Russell W. A.
Rossow Midgets
Robson, S. J.
Robbins, Fred
Rano, Al.
Renos, Three
Reno, C. R.
Reto, Calie
Robetta, Joe
Ravens, Musical
Robinson, Ed. H.
Rowley, Ed.
Randalls, The
Rogers, Dave
Robinson, John Show Co.
Richmond, Harry
Rush, Ashley
Riggs, Capt. W.
Ryder, Walter E.
Russell, H. C.
Swan, Wm. A.
Semon, H. W.
Smith, Henderson
Swan, Hank E.
Salter, Ed. S.
"Silver King" Co.
Snyder, Harry
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Singer Ike
Shelvey, Mathew
Sacco, E.
Saville, Gus
Stetson, Walter
St. John, Bert
Steele, Harry
Smith, Jas P.
St. Clair, Karl
Shannon, Walter
Sully, John F.
Sterrett, Lee
Sterling, Prof.
Seeley, Chas. W.
Sturges, C. J.
Selby, Art L.
Smackels, Eugene
Sheridan, Phil
Smith, J. W.
Scott, Olive
Sheedman, W. S.
Stone, Fred
Salino, Juno
Sanders, J. & Reno
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Simon Bros.
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Sullivan & Pasquelena
Sutherland, Dan
Silver & Lewis
Stuart, Jos. H.
Shea, Paddy
Settles, Jas.
Seballos, N.
Sherwood, Wm.
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— "A Jolly Lot" Notes: At Sistersville, W. Va., the members of the company were royally entertained by the B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 333. A New Year entertainment was given in the lodge rooms on Monday afternoon. Iler, Burke and McDonald, Bentham and Byrne, P. Russell Griffith, Ed. Davenport and the "Jolly Lot" band contributed to enjoyment of the afternoon. We played to good business at Athens, O., Jan. 7, during our stay there. Nick Iler, Ned Burke, Ed. and Lena Davenport and Miss McGahan were guests at Sunday dinner of Dr. Roarick and family at the State Institution for the insane. Roster: Chas. E. Rose, manager; Iler, Burke and McDonald, Bentham and Byrne, P. Russell Griffith, Blanche Frayne, Minnie Louise McLellan, the Davenports, Ed. and Lena; Jessie Howard, Garfield Irvin, Jess Dowler and C. W. Roberts, advance.

— Liebler & Co., managers of Viola Allen, in "The Christian," have accepted Israel Zangwill's scenario of his dramatization of his popular novel, "Children of the Ghetto," and the famous Hebrew novelist is now engaged in writing the play, which will be completed in April. It will be produced at the Herald Square Theatre, this city, in October. The booking has been so arranged that this attraction may remain the entire season if the business warrants. The story will be entirely Hebraic, and every character will be Jewish. In its main lines it will be a serious play, with a deep religious motif and strong heart interest, but comedy will, it is said, predominate the action of the piece to a very great extent, thus showing both sides of Jewish character. The play will be written in four acts, and the scenes will all be laid in the "ghetto" of London.

— Courtenay Morgan Co. Notes: We ended a successful trip through Michigan, week of Jan. 2, at the Athenæum, Jackson. We played to S. R. O. business four nights and big business the other two, and this in spite of the prevailing bad weather during the week. We played Bucyrus, O., Jan. 9, to the capacity of the house, and have been everywhere received most kindly. Roster: H. B. Morgan, proprietor; W. G. Collinge, business manager; Frederick Lyle, stage manager; Mark Braugh, musical director; John Reynolds, stage carpenter; Ernest Morton, electrician; Wm. Williams, properties; F. F. Moore, Harry Greenaway, Ernest E. Sefton, Wm. Browning, Florence Langdon, Lyle Lambert, La Petite Dot, the Williams Sisters, Tempest and Thorne, Sefton and Myrtle, Maud Collinge, Courtenay Morgan and Harry Teal, with his illustrated songs.

— The Irene Taylor Co. opened the new opera house at Point Pleasant, W. Va., Jan. 2, and played a successful week in repertory.

— Russell Brothers' Co. closed at St. Louis Jan. 14.

— "Dewey's Reception" Co., headed by James B. Donovan, was given a banquet New Year's Eve after the performance at Binghamton, N. Y. The following saw the new year in and the old year out: Mamie Diamond, Yetta Peters, Marguerite Raymond, Robert Mills, George F. McCann, William Murry, Charles H. Devine, agent of Gorman Bros.; Andy Osborne and Mickie Duffy.

— L. E. Beach and wife, Franc Elliott, have closed with the Casino Theatre Co. and are spending a few weeks with their parents in Olathe, Kan.

— Baby Beatrice celebrated her seventh birthday Jan. 2, during her engagement with J. K. Emmett at the Third Avenue Theatre, this city. This week she is appearing with Mr. Emmett at the Lyceum Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y.

— Notes from the Lyceum Theatre Co., under the direction of Geo. D. Sweet: C. D. Hatfield, Carl Mencer, Hella Francis and Baby Trix are late additions to our company. Roster: G. D. Sweet, Clarence Newman, Hal. L. Beale, C. D. Hatfield, M. E. Sloane, Carl Mencer, Senora Ogarita, Beatrice Terry, Hella Francis, Little Gladys and Baby Trix. Our ad. in THE CLIPPER brought us over one hundred letters from professional people.

— Notes from the Gibney-Hoeffler Co.: We opened Jan. 9 at Erie, Pa., to S. R. O. Our company was given a banquet after the performance Jan. 10, by the local elks. Gavin Harris joined at Erie for leads, and is the best leading man this company has ever had.

— Cologne's American Theatre Co. will open its tour Feb. 1. A repertory will be presented.

— W. T. Boyer, formerly manager of People's Theatre, St. Mary's, O., has joined the James B. Mackie "Grimes' Cellar Door" Co. as general advance agent.

— Jerry Herzell is at Gypsum City, Kan., with his wife and children.

— A. N. Davis has retired from the profession, to take up commercial traveling.

— The balcony used by the company playing "Cyrano de Bergerac," at the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 9, fell during the evening performance, but no serious injuries resulted. As Frank A. Connor, in the role of Christian, climbed up to embrace Mary Asquit, the Roxane, the balcony broke in the middle, and both players were hurled to the stage, twelve feet below. Miss Asquit was severely cut about the head and face, and Connor's shoulder was dislocated. Both had to retire, and the play proceeded with understudies.

— William H. Crane will produce next October, at Wallack's, a play of early New York, by Brander Matthews and Bronson Howard, with Peter Stuyvesant as the star character.

— Jennie L. Dunbar, formerly of E. H. Sothern's Co., was granted a divorce from her husband, Thos W. Hall, in Norwalk, O., Jan. 9.

— W. A. Brady was married in this city, Jan. 8, to Grace George, a member of "The Turtle" Co.

— Notes from Frederick's Lyceum Theatre Co. No. 1: Arthur H. Beebe and Manager H. P. Bulmer joined Crystal Lodge, No. 28, K. of P.'s, on Dec. 21. Mr. Beebe was presented on 25 with a K. of P. charm by Myrtle Vinton and Mr. Bulmer. Business is good and everybody is well. The ghost and THE CLIPPER preambulate regularly Sunday A. M.

— Rose Coghlan, Aubrey Boucicault, Louise Beaudet, John T. Sullivan, Grace George, Thomas H. Burns and E. Lovat Frazier are among those who will appear in "Mlle. Fifi," Leo Dietrichstein's adaptation of Dumanoir and Carre's farce, which will be given its initial production Jan. 30 at the Manhattan Theatre, this city.

— De Koven and Smith's latest comic opera, "The Three Dragoons," will be presented Jan. 30, at the Broadway Theatre, this city. The cast will include: Marguerite Lemon, Linda da Costa, Leonora Gulto, Fannie Brisco, Maud L. Homan, Adele Archer, Millie Slotter, Jerome Sykes, Joseph O'Mara, Richard Carroll, Robert Stuart Pigott, William Clark, Earl Percy Parks, Edwin H. Carroll and Charles Hindesley.

— Jessie Harcourt Comedy Company Notes: We opened the New Theatre at St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 2, and turned people away, being unable to get them in the house. Immediately after the performance the committee came on the stage and engaged the company until Feb. 11, on a guarantee. Roster: Chas. K. Harris, manager; Fred A. Hayward, business manager; Jessie Harcourt, Bessie Hunter, Maud Hazel, Mrs. Ferd. Hight, Chas. K. Harris, Thos. W. Carroll, Harry Sargent, Ferd. Hight, James Hall, Fred A. Hayward, Harry Moore, Eugene Harris, Arthur Mayo, W. J. Crimmins and Chem. Magee.

— Hoyt's Comedy Company Notes: At Junction City, Kan., we opened at New Opera House Jan. 9, to S. R. O. The boxes were all occupied by officers and their ladies from Fort Riley, three miles distant from Junction City. The entire company visited Fort Riley and were entertained in elegant style.

— Jack E. Voss has recovered sufficiently to rejoin the Flora De Voss Co. He was compelled to close with the company on account of sickness Dec. 22, and rejoined company at Monmouth Ill.

— Minnie Smith made her professional debut Jan. 6, in "Who Wins?" at the Marquam Grand, Portland, Ore.

— E. H. Macoy has leased the Western rights to his new farce comedy, "Mr. Plaster of Paris," and the company is now organized in Chicago, Ill.

— Ray Bailey, of Genaro and Bailey, is credited with making a success with coon songs with the Rays' "A Hot Old Time" Co. She was recently presented with a torquoise bracelet by Mrs. Ray.

— Jas. R. Waite states: "Being desirous of giving all my attention to the interests of my comedy and dramatic companies, I have sold to Frank G. Harrison all my interests in the company known as Waite's Comic Opera and Grand Orchestra, asking for him a continuance of the many favors shown me."

— Gus Hill wired from Bridgeport, Ct., Jan. 13, as follows: "'Through the Breakers' big success; great cast; elegant production."

— The Princeton Sisters, Belle and Maude, are with Bros. Royer "Next Door" Company, having joined on Dec. 5, at Greensburg, Pa.

— Olive Oretta, after many weary years of hospital life, is now almost wholly restored to former health and is accompanying her husband, Ralph Henry Day, in an extended Western tour.

— "Why Walker Went West," a new farcial comedy, will be given a big production next season by Al. W. Martin. The comedy is by Burke Smith, and is said to be a novelty in the farce comedy line, containing a lot of new sensational features. E. V. Giroux will have charge of the production, and will give special care to the scenic equipment and costuming, which promises to be most elaborate. A company of thirty people will be utilized, including some of the best vaudeville talent and a handsome chorus. Mr. Martin intends giving it the biggest kind of a production possible.

— The R. J. Erwood Stock Company spent an enjoyable Christmas at Belle Vernon, Pa. The company has been out since Sept. 8, and has not lost a single night since opening at New Philadelphia, O. Mr. Erwood calls the company in his room every Sunday morning at ten, and has not missed a Sunday. The man in white is with him. We have played through Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and will play, before closing, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, making a tour of six States. The plays are Mr. Erwood's personal property. The roster: R. J. Erwood, proprietor and manager; Geo. L. Bowers, business manager; Lew Gleason, stage manager; Geo. W. Bailey, musical director; Harry Simmers, electrician; Geo. O. Mackey, Claud Bellport, Nep Scoville, Clyd Tressell, Kenan Boel, Ita Leach Scoville, Isabella Rollas, Nettie Ray and Madge Leith.

— Harry Ross, who recently closed with the Warner Comedy Co., writes THE CLIPPER denying a statement that appeared in our last issue. He says his story, "God's Man," did *not* win first prize from *The Black Cat*, and states further that he hasn't the least intention of starring next season. He is at a loss to know who could have written such a statement.

— Geo. T. Meech and wife, Lazette Du Brock, opened with Bowers' "Ivy Leaf" Co. at Worcester, Mass.

— Oliver Byron informs us of the success of his new curtain raiser, "The Anxious Widow."

— Leona Leslie has been ill of *la grippe* during the past week, her understudy, Leo Lee, assuming her place with the Leona Leslie Co.

— Tommy Shearer has received new scenery for "Cyrano de Bergerac," and the company has the piece in active preparation. It will have production the week of Jan. 23.

— Geo. M. Miller, correcting our correspondent, states that he is still the lessee and manager of the Grand Opera House, Reading, Pa.

— Clifford B. Smith and Thurman Dwight have closed with the Seiden-Stetson Dramatic Company, and are at Mr. Dwight's home, Lima, O., where they are rehearsing a sketch.

— Manager P. J. Kennedy, of "Yon Yonson" Co., sends greeting to THE CLIPPER from Mexico.

— George R. Robinson joined the Peruchi-Belleni Co. at Columbia, S. C.

— Nathan Appell, of the King Comedy Company, supporting James B. Mackie, have rights season 1899-1900 for their territory only, to "The Grass Widow," by Charles T. Vincent.

— George W. Winnett still continues in the capacity of advance representative with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Byron, and reports business better than ever with the company.

— Manager Horace Grant has purchased a new farce comedy, written by a prominent newspaper writer of Buffalo, N. Y. The play will receive its first production on Jan. 30. The title will not be made known till the first performance. The cast requires twenty-three people. Several people are already engaged, including Al. Pinkel, the Berry Family, F. C. Taylor, Misses Rose C. Wilber, Leita Russell, and the Wood Sisters. The tour is booked for sixteen weeks. Bert Matthews will be the acting manager, with Arthur Wayne in advance.

— Miron Leffingwell has been commissioned write a new play introducing sensational features new to the stage in melodramatic construction The tour will be directed by the Winnett Emergency Bureau Co.

— Carrie Stanley Burns' Co. is now in its twenty-second week. Business is very good and has been so, with one or two exceptions. It opened at Galion, O., Jan. 12, to a packed house presenting "The Fall of Santiago," the new Spanish war play.

— Olga Lorraine, of "That Girl" Co., met with a serious accident while tumbling in the second act, dislocating two ribs, also spraining the spine, but finished the performance. She is under the doctor's care, and it may necessitate closing the company until she recovers.

— Morgan Gibney writes THE CLIPPER as follows: "I find in last issue of THE CLIPPER the following item: 'Morgan Gibney is presenting "Wife for Wife," under the title "Life for Life."' There is no truth in the statement. The Gibney-Hoeffler Co. has always made THE CLIPPER the medium of communicating news and want items to the profession, and the publication of this statement, coming, not as the statement of another, but a direct charge by THE CLIPPER itself, will work us great injury. I hope you will see it is simply our due to give our denial the same publicity that was given the unjust charge of dishonesty. Should proofs be necessary they can be produced. Mr. Winnett has written agencies in Chicago, asking if my 'Life for a Life' was not his 'Wife for a Wife.' I hope in your coming issue you will do us justice." [The item complained of was furnished for publication by Thos. H. Winnett, who had never previously misled us.—ED. CLIPPER.]

— Arnold's Fun Makers' Notes: Since our opening at Columbia, S. C., Dec. 12, we have broken four house records, and the last to fall in line was the Columbia Theatre at Atlanta, Ga., when we opened our week's engagement, Jan. 9, to one of the largest audiences of the season, but business for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday was only fair on account of the terrible rain storm which lasted the four days, but Saturday morning the sun came out bright and shining, and our matinee broke all previous records, playing to over twelve hundred paid admissions. Arthur Gale and Jno. Woodford joined, and are doing their single and double specialties, but the feature of the show are Rice and Walters, in their acrobatic comedy pantomime, "Daffy and the Hobo." A number of new plays are being rehearsed, one of which is the work of our manager, J. F. Arnold, entitled "A Gay Drummer."

— The Henderson Stock Co. is now at the end of its ninth week, and has been a success so far from the start, not playing to one losing week. The company is now up in twelve plays. Mr. Henderson's version of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" is proving an especially strong drawing card, and gives universal satisfaction. The roster: Richard Henderson, proprietor; A. J. Jones, business manager; Will E. Kiefer, Chas. R. Phipps, C. W. Courtney, Nellie Chapman, Ida Taylor, Bessie Dawn, Baby De Metra, and Nellie Jones, pianist.

— The American Theatre Co. will commence its Spring tour about Feb. 1, presenting "The Hen of Manila," a play of the last war, in four acts. The roster is not yet complete, but includes up to date: Wm. Curtiss, Geo. Garrett, Nat. Lellingwell, Frank B. Cologne, J. Wolfrath, Jos. Birmingham, Rose McKernan, Gertrude Seymour and Elois Bertram. J. W. Wallace, advance; F. B. Cologne, stage manager; M. J. Carroll, business manager.

— Julie Walters and company sailed on Jan. 10 from Seattle to Honolulu to produce his plays. Ada Walters has left school to accompany her parents on the trip.

— Chas. Ellis writes: "I am engaged as press agent at the Bijou Theatre, Chicago; was press agent and manager of ad. car No. 1 for Leman Bros.' Circus last season."

— Will E. Kiefer and wife (Ida Taylor), Bessie Dawn and Baby De Metra have closed with the Tucker Co. and joined the Henderson Stock Co.

— C. W. Courtney has left the France-Relia Co. with whom he has been for the past nineteen months, and joined the Henderson Stock Co.

— Hattie Bernard, late of "A Female Drummer" Co., is at Randall Hill Farm, O.

— Mlle. Proto, novelty toe dancer, with "The Belle of New York" Co., at the Shaftsbury Theatre, London, Eng., reports making a big hit in her cake walk on toe.

— G. A. Morrill Jr. is now sole lessee and manager of the Grand Opera House, Norfolk, Va.

— Joe G. Browne, cornetist, Burrill Comedy Co., has just recovered from a severe attack of the grip, which at one stage assumed a serious aspect.

— Apdale and Burtch closed at the Empire, Toronto, Ont., and opened with De Forest Davies' "U. T. C." Co., at Holland, Mich., for the season.

— The Labadie "Faust" Company opened the New Opera House, at Cairo, W. Va. (in the oil field), Jan. 17. Ward Kelley has closed as advance and is succeeded by Ed. E. Meredith.

— Mrs. Josephine Emerson, known on the stage as Marie Emory, is confined in a mad house at Claybourg, Essex, England, about ten miles from London.

— James Lindsay and E. Lovat-Fraser, late of "The Sorrows of Satan" company, have been engaged respectively for the John Drew Company, in "The Liars," and "Mme. Fifi," which is to follow "The Turtle" at the Manhattan Theatre on Jan. 30.

— Amelia Bingham and Harry Harwood have been engaged for the production of "The White Horse Inn" at Wallack's, Feb. 6.

— Master George Creed has left the Houghton Stock Co. to attend school at Elmira, N. Y.

— The Brosnahan-Jackson Comedy Co. management report that they are reaping the reward of the conscientious efforts to give the public a strictly high class performance at popular prices, and that the the figures of a number of the "record breakers" have been reached and passed before Friday night more than once during the season. The Mishler circuit will be completed in four weeks, when the company will enter upon its New England time. Minnie Stanley is duplicating her former successes.

— The Katherine Rober Company is reported as meeting with unusual success this season. The "Lady of Lyons," the "Great Diamond Robbery," "Nance Oldfield" and the "Deacon's Daughter" are some of the best productions. Franklyn Ritchie, the leading man, has made a most excellent reputation through the New England States.

— David Belasco's mother died Jan. 12, at her home in San Francisco, Cal.

— Howard Benton, while playing Rome, Ga., with the Myrkle & Harder Co., week of Jan. 9, had a quantity of valuable stage jewelry stolen from the dressing room of the theatre.

— The Hadley-Barlow Co. has closed its tour.

— Ella L. Herring, late of Blaney's "A Boy Wanted" Co. (Eastern), has joined "Garry Owen" Co. for the rest of the season, for soubrette and specialty, opening at the Court Theatre, Chicago, Jan. 15.

ELOISE MORGAN

Was born in California, where, at the age of fourteen, she began her musical studies under the tuition of Mme. De Derky. Following this she engaged in church and concert singing, in which she was remarkably successful. By the advice of her friends she was induced to adopt a stage career, and for this purpose visited New York. She found, however, but few openings to the operatic stage, and, in order to gain necessary experience, she determined to accept less distinctly musical engagements. She therefore entered the field of farce comedy, under the name of Ollie Archmere, and acquitted herself most creditably in the companies of Evans & Hoey, John Russell and Hoyt & Thomas. Sue also sang with repertory opera companies two Summers, thereby gaining valuable experience and becoming familiar with a large number of operas. In 1890 she went to Paris to pursue her musical studies with Mme. La Grange. Returning to this country, she studied at the National Conservatory of Music, and was a pupil of Victor Capoul. Her first pronounced success upon the operatic stage was made with the Duff Opera Co., on Nov. 16, 1893, at Herrmann's Theatre, this city, when she appeared and won laurels in the first American production of "Philemon et Baucis." With that company she also won fame in the role of Yum Yum, in the revival of "The Mikado," at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, during the following Summer. The following season she was engaged as prima donna soprano of the Bostonians, appearing in "Robin Hood," "The Maid of Plymouth" and "Prince Ananias." In 1895 Miss Morgan was married to George D. Morgan, well known in financial circles in this city. At his request she retired from the operatic stage and devoted herself exclusively to concert and oratorio work. During the period of her retirement she has been studying with a view to her appearance in grand opera. Miss Morgan made her reappearance recently with the Castle Square Opera Company, as Marguerite, in "Faust," at once effecting a great success, which she repeated in the late production of "Lurline."

CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles.—The Los Angeles Theatre held moderate sized audiences for Daniel Sully Jan. 2-4, in "Uncle Rob" and "O'Brien, the Contractor," and for Edwin Mayo, in "Pudd'nhead Wilson," 5-7. Ben Hendricks, in "Yon Yonson," follows, 11-14, and the James Kidder-Warde alliance 16.

BURBANK THEATRE.—Ott Brothers, in "All Aboard," did fair business monday week, and "South Before the War" drew fairly 2-7. Nance O'Neil plays a return engagement at this house, beginning 8, with "Magda."

ORPHEUM.—Business keeps up to the capacity of the house at nearly every performance, and with souvenirs added to the show feature the matinees are made attractive to show patrons of the house. Features 9: Rose Eytinge, Pilar-Morin and Clement Bainbridge, in "The Overcoat;" M. and Mme. Rofix, Riley and Hughes, Horace Goldin, Julius P. Witmark, Three Lukens, George Fuller Golden and Paul Batty's bears.

NOTES.—Gerome Helmont appears at Simpson Tabernacle 26-28, under the direction of J. T. Fitzgerald..... Paul Batty had the misfortune to lose his cub bear "Peter" during the first week of his engagement here. While at play the cub got too near one of the older animals of Batty's aggregation and received a clawing that necessitated killing the poor brute.....Owing to a severe cold Edwin Mayo went through his work at the opening performance of "Pudd'nhead Wilson" with great difficulty, and in two subsequent performances his part was taken by William S. Gill.....Manager "Tommy" Myers, of the Orpheum, was the recipient of numerous fine Christmas gifts, and following the custom of the Orpheum management all attaches of the local house were guests at a turkey dinner Christmas Eve, and each employe received a holiday present.....During her engagement in this city Emma Carus was largely occupied in directing the intelligence of a Chichnachua dog given her by admiring friends.....H. M. and F. B. Henderson, amusement caterers of Coney Island, are again in Southern California for the Winter.....The social session of Los Angeles Lodge, No. 99, B. P. O. Elks, planned for Jan. 4, in honor of Dan Sully, was indefinitely postponed, owing to the tragic death of George S. King, a brother Elk, who was fatally shot Dec. 29, and of Brother Dion Romandy, who died of typhoid pneumonia Jan. 3. Both brothers were members of the committee of arrangements for the session. They were buried under the auspices of the lodge, the services over the remains of Romandy being particularly impressive. He had resided here a number of years, and when taken ill was leader of orchestra at the Burbank Theatre. His funeral was from Elks' Hall, where Julius P. Witmark sang Faure's "Charity" and Rev. Burt Estes Howard delivered an address of unusual strength and character. The Musicians' Union and nearly two hundred Elks followed the remains to their last resting place.

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.—The Grand Opera House did poor business during last week with a sensational drama, entitled "After the War." The company was weak and unsatisfactory.

FRENCH OPERA HOUSE.—This house continues playing to big business, drawing from the elite of the city.

CRESCENT THEATRE.—Marie Wainwright, in "Shall We Forgive Her?" and "East Lynne," proved a big drawing card all week. Miss Wainwright is always welcome to the Crescent City, and in her new play gained many new admirers. The performance and company are first class. "The Prisoner of Zenda" week of 15.

TULANE THEATRE.—Effie Shannon and Herbert Kelcey, in "The Moth and the Flame," was an attraction during the week, and the large audiences that witnessed each performance showed how these well known stars were appreciated in their beautiful play. The large company surrounding them is above the average. The much heralded Sousa's "Bride Elect" promises to be a big drawing card week of 16

HOPKINS' ST. CHARLES THEATRE.—This resort still holds favor with the lovers of popular price amusements, and is drawing immense crowds with its continuous performances. The stock company, presenting "Queen's Evidence" during last week, with Felix and Barry, Felix De Marce, Eckert and Berg, and Bertha Boardman Elton as the vaudeville attractions, did well. "Confusion" will be the attraction next week, with some new vaudeville features, headed by Mark Murphy, the well known comedian.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—This house, with its vaudeville performance, consisting of the Boston Ladies' Military Band, the Eddys, Lorenze and Allen, William De Boe, Mildred Meredith, the McDonald Bros., Bell Wilton and others, drew good houses during the past week. Notable among next week's attractions will be the Rossow Midgets, and Prof. Herbert and his trained dogs, including the diving dog "Dink."

NOTES.—Norris Wilson, a native of this city, has joined the Hopkins Stock Co. at the St. Charles Theatre, and is gaining much praise for his work. Mr. Mason started the season with Nat C. Goodwin, severing his connection with that well known star some time since..... New Orleans is promised a monstar building on the Madison Square Garden order in the near future, where horse shows and other Winter amusements can be held. The building will be erected on Tulane Avenue and Banks Street.....Frederick Lorraine, the well known actor, is resting here for a few weeks before returning East to fill an extended engagement.

OREGON.

Portland.—At the Marquam Grand the Dorothy Morton Opera Co. played to crowded houses Jan. 2-4. The operas presented were "Girofle-Girofla," "The Beggar Student" and "Fra Diavolo." Minnie Smith made her professional debut 6, in "Who Wins," by E. B. Wishaar, formerly on the staff of *The Morning Oregonian* of this city. She was well received and displayed considerable talent. "A Parlor Match" comes 9, 10, "Shaft Number 2" 13, 14, West's Minstrel Jubilee 16, 17, "A Contented Woman" 18, 19.

CORDRAY'S THEATRE.—"Tennessee's Pardner" played to good business week of 1. "A Bunch of Keys" opened 8, to a crowded house. Ott Bros. come week of 15, in "All Aboard."

EDEN MUSEE.—Edison's vaseograph, Paul Le Croix, Rowe and Cleveland, E. Jay Brown, Jules Korto, Capt. Karl, Albert Mohr, Gus Lamarre, Williams' troupe of trained birds.

FREDERICKSBURG MUSIC HALL.—The Four Miltons, Cottrell and Van Goire, Belle Williams and the Four Allens.

THE MUSIC CLUB gave its second chamber music evening at Parson's Hall 4. The programme was furnished by the Hidden-Coursen String Quartet, and consisted of Haydn's "Emperor" quartet and Schumann's quartet in A major.

Vaudeville & Minstrel

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MR. HOLMAN, proprietor of Teatro Payret, and Herman Ziegler, his manager, sailed for Havana, Cuba, Jan. 4, with their vaudeville company, to open on Jan. 10. The following attractions are contracted with Mr. Ziegler: Nilsson's Flying Ballet, Albert Dickinson, St. Belmos, Herbert Bros., Jeanne Berrier, Engelhart and Rose, Three Gardner Bros., Fox and Foxie, Nazola, the Livingstons, Mlle. Jeannot, John Starr and the Sisters Lane.

CHAS. L. SASSE has sent C. Ray Assoc to Havana, Cuba, to open an office there, representing the International Amusement Exchange, and he will be located at the Cafe El Central. Tito Ruenes, representative of Lara Teatro, has also sailed for Havana, having with him two Arabian dancers, also two musicians, and Mar Jo, couchee dancer.

GEO. B. IRVING states that he was married to Louise Eschemann, a non-professional, Jan. 11, in Chicago, Ill.

THE LYNOTT SISTERS, who have been playing the New England circuit for the past two weeks, were compelled to cancel a few engagements on account of sickness.

VELLA HENSHAW is resting at the home of Letta A. Reed, in Savannah, Ga.

SMITH AND BLANCHARD were last week at Sheedy's Theatre, Fall River, Mass., with Huber's Museum, New York, to follow.

GALLAGHER AND ARNOLD have reunited after a separation of five years, and open in a new sketch, at the Howard Athenæum, Boston, Mass., Jan. 23.

MRS. LULU BAKER, wife of Geo. Baker, of the Meeker-Baker Trio, is now in the Post Graduate Hospital, this city, where she is under preparatory treatment for a surgical operation.

MAX GABRIEL, formerly conductor at Koster & Bial's, has been engaged by H. B. Sire as musical director for the Olympia.

AL. REEVES' NOTES.—After the performance Jan. 9, at the Bijou Theatre, Paterson, N. J., Mr. Reeves gave a little banquet to his friends and company, never dreaming for one minute there was a sad accident so near at hand. Mattie Cope, of the Cope Sisters, members of Al. Reeves' Co., left the party to retire about one o'clock. She went upstairs in good spirits, laughing and singing, to her room, and was found dead, suffocated with gas, the following morning at eleven o'clock. Her husband, Wm. Delevoy, was telegraphed for at once. The body was removed to New York for burial. The company sent several beautiful pieces of flowers.

FRANK M. FRANKLIN, of the three Franklin Brothers, also known as Frank M. Atlas, of the Brothers Atlas, writes THE CLIPPER from Manila, Philippine Islands, where he is now in the army service with the Astor battery. He details the portion of the conquest of Manila, in which the battery was active, but as the information is written on both sides of the paper we cannot use it.

S. WATANABE, manager of Fukushima's Royal Japanese Troupe, writes of the successful engagement of his attraction at the Wiener Colliseum, Vienna, Austria. The resort was opened to the public Dec. 21, last, and is under American management. Benjamin Tiber, director general, and W. A. D. Scott, manager and secretary, both being natives of this country.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR SIDMAN play the Grand Opera House, Syracuse, N. Y., this week. Week of Jan. 23-28, they will give their new act, "Back Home," at the Brooklyn Music Hall for the first time in the metropolitan district.

ZRENYI sailed for Europe Jan. 14 in company with O. K. Sato. Miss Cheneau, of the team, will rest at her home in New Hampshire, and will join Zrenyi in about three weeks.

THE FOLLY TRIO are still with Harigan & Fitzsimmons "Mulligan Guard Ball" Co., and are producing their specialty in the second act.

EARL DIXON has joined Leopold and Bunnell, making a three act.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY BUDWORTH are presenting their new act, "A Royal Visitor."

SHAYNE AND WORDEN, with the Knickerbockers, were a special attraction at the Boston (Mass.) Athletic Association's tenth anniversary.

FRED V. BOWERS, of Horwitz and Bowers, received the news of his mother's death in Boston, Mass., Jan. 5, while the team was filling an engagement at the Columbia Theatre, St. Louis, Mo.

GUS HILL is in no way connected with Harry Hill's New York Stars.

VERNELO, illusionist and magician, has been laid up for the past three weeks with a light attack of typhoid fever, and was obliged to cancel several dates. He is recovering, and with his wife, will open at Heck's Museum, Cincinnati, Jan. 16, for two weeks.

JAQUELINE has returned from a trip to London, Eng., and will be joined by her sister in an act.

THE TWO LITTLE PUCKS having finished a two weeks' engagement at Masonic Temple Theatre, Chicago, Ill., opened at the Dearborn Theatre, Jan. 9.

BEACH & BOWERS' MINSTRELS began their last week in Texas, Jan. 9. They write: "We have done fine business all over the State, and will leave a reputation behind us second to none. Our company consists of thirty-three people, and a band of sixteen pieces, all solo players. The man in white makes his rounds once a week, and all look for THE CLIPPER."

BARON F. ERLANGER was a CLIPPER caller Jan. 11, and stated that his wife, Nina Diva, did not appear at the matinee performance 9, at the Empire Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y. Without his authority and her own knowledge, she had been billed as the Baroness Erlanger, and he did not permit her to appear until her name was changed to Nina Diva on the programmes. This was done in time for the night performance, and she appeared. Baron Erlanger stated that he would never allow his wife to use his name for stage purposes.

NEVADA BELMONT is very sick with pneumonia at her home in Sterling, Ill. She was brought home from Dubuque, Ia.

CRANE BROTHERS separated from Ernest Roeber Jan 14. The company will be continued by Mr. Roeber.

EVERHART, juggler, received a floral tribute while playing an engagement at Youngstown, O., with the Al. G. Fields Minstrels.

CHARLES RAVEL, of the Ravel Trio, informs us that he and Mrs. M. W. Hanley are the only surviving children of Angelique Ravel, who died Jan. 3, in this city, and a notice of whose death appeared in our last issue.

HARRY DE LAIN played last week with the High Flyers Burlesquers, in Troy, N. Y., and is this week playing in Boston, Mass.

GRIFFIN AND MORTON write that they will next season appear in a new comedy.

JONES AND SUTTON played the Star Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., last week.

KOPPE, juggler, plays Dockstader's Theatre, Wilmington, Del., week of Jan. 23, with the Bijou Theatre, Washington, D. C., to follow.

IDA AND MAY M. WARD have written a sketch, entitled "Silence is Golden," for Gerald Griffin, and another, entitled "The Kid and the Quack," for James Thatcher and Calvin Melvin.

HARRY MONROE, late of Monroe and Parker, has joined hands with Joe A. Guro.

DICKIE HOWARD closed a successful engagement of eight weeks at the music halls in Omaha, Neb., and opens Jan. 22 at Wagner's Wonderland Musee, St. Joseph, Mo.

LITTLE MAUDE GOLDEN has severed her connections with the "Shantytown" Co., and will play dates the remainder of season, under the name of Maudine.

LOUIS J. OBERWORTH, agent of the Night Owls, sends a report of phenomenal business for that attraction. He adds: "This will be a great season for Manager Fred Rider, as his Moulin Rouge Co. is breaking many records this season, as also is the Night Owls."

GEORGE BETTS and Nonie Reynolds have joined Fred Irwin's Majestic Burlesquers.

THE AMERICAN BURLESQUERS played its first return engagement of the season at Waldmann's Opera House, Newark, last week, to reported phenomenal business.

ETHEL MILTON, late of the Al. Reeves Co., is seriously ill at her home in Boston, Mass.

JOHN R. NALON played at a banquet in New London, Ct., last week.

CAPT. SIDNEY HINMAN'S new life saving dog Daisy Bell, was poisoned while playing at Heck's Wonder World, Cincinnati, Jan. 7. He had a very hard time to prevent the dog from dying.

SCANLON AND MILEY have been compelled to cancel their Western work five weeks, owing to a bad abcess on Mr. Scanlon's hand, and have returned to their home in New York City.

DAN C. MACIVER, professionally known as Dan M. Ford, formerly on the executive staff of Guvernator's Theatre, Atlantic City, N. J., informs us that he has joined hands with Prof. Jno. A. Kelley, magician and illusionist, and organized Kelley and Ford's Royal Novelties, opening at Cleversburg, Pa. Jan. 21, touring Pennsylvania and Ohio.

BARLOW MINSTREL NOTES.—After ten days of the biggest business ever done in the State the Barlow Minstrels came out of Florida Jan. 11. At St. Augustine we were lined up in front of the Ponce de Leon Hotel and were photographed by W. A. Cox. We then marched through the rotunda and office of the Alcazar, and in the afternoon the entire company took advantage of the magnificent pool at the Casino and enjoyed a swim. At Jacksonville Harry Ward was entertained by Will Gentry and Ben Austin, of the Gentry Dog and Pony Show, who are wintering there. A visit to their magnificent Winter quarters was a treat to the minstrel boys. Mr. Ward was presented with a fine fox terrier by Mr. Austin. Will Donnelly is doing splendid work ahead, and our Western tour is completely arranged. Our Summer tour commences in May, when we open the Celeron Theatre, Jamestown, N. Y. This is our thirty-fourth week and we have not had a single losing week in all that time. We get newspaper notices every day on the excellence of our band, led by Joe Norton, and the beautiful parade uniform worn by the company. Arthur Coburn, Ed. Bate and Will Mason are camera fiends of the first water.

LANG AND SHARPE write from Swansea, South Wales, to THE CLIPPER thus: "Just a few lines to THE OLD RELIABLE and its readers to let them know where we are, and what we are doing. To commence with, we spent a jolly Christmas with the Garrisons at Cardiff and drank each other's health, and also to our friends in the land of the Stars and Stripes and the New Year brought us a serenade by the attaches and band of the theatre. So it goes to show that American performers are popular in Wales. We have only a few more weeks' work in the United Kingdom, where throughout we have met with success. We close at Dundee, Scotland, Feb. 18, and sail the following Saturday from Southampton for Johanesburg, South Africa, where we are engaged for two months, at the Empire, after which we return to England again in time to commence our engagements at the new syndicate halls in London—the Holloway, Deptford and Stratford, and other leading halls to follow. So you can see we are pretty well liked on this side of the pond."

CARON AND HERBERT, having closed with Hopkins' Trans-Oceanics, opened on the Proctor circuit Jan. 9, at Albany, N. Y., and finish at the Pleasure Palace 28. They have booked seven weeks with Keith and eleven weeks with Hopkins-Castle.

MELROSE AND ELMER have completed two weeks of club engagements, and are at the Gaiety Theatre, Troy, N. Y., week of Jan. 16.

THE CALIFORNIA TRIO, Coogan, Marvelle and Tate, were at Poli's Theatre, New Haven, last week, and are at the Pawtucket Opera House, Pawtucket, R. I., this week.

ALLEN AND WEST appear with Tom Sharkey's Co. at the Palace Theatre, Boston, Mass., week of Jan. 16.

MATTHEWS AND HARRIS have a new act, "A Put Up Job," by Arthur J. Lamb.

DAVE FORD, of Ford and Davern, and Wm. Ozav have formed a partnership to organize the Orpheum Star Specialty Co.

THE SAN FRANCISCO QUARTET, C. Vail, Jas. Hardman, Joe Hopkins and Bob Price, will close with the Henderson Comedy Co. on Jan. 28, and will open at Keith's Union Square Feb. 6, with Proctor's and Hopkins' circuits to follow.

THE THREE RENOS have finished four weeks in Chicago. This week they are in Fountain Square Theatre, Cincinnati, O.

AL. WAYNE is in no way connected with Fred Kenno, and will hereafter work with Irene La Mar

THE RAMSEY SISTERS are at Hopkins' Chicago this week, with the Alhambra Theatre, Milwaukee Wis., to follow.

GENARO AND THEOL have commenced a ten weeks' engagement on the New York and Canada circuit.

HARRY AND SADIE FIELDS are this week at the Standard Theatre, Philadelphia. They will open

NOTES from Fields & Hanson's Minstrels.—We are now entering on our twenty-second week, and our business has been far beyond our expectations. This company has established itself here in the South and we meet with a warm reception everywhere. We have been more than fortunate in our booking this season, having played the soldier camps right after their pay day, which meant hundreds of dollars to us. Mr. Hanson is now booking the company for the season of 1899. Everything will be new from start to finish. We will close our present season May 2, at Newark, N. J. Everybody with this company is in good health. We have not changed but one member since our opening, Aug. 1, 1898. We now carry thirty-nine people. THE OLD RELIABLE is always a welcome visitor and arrives in good season every week.

EDISON BITASCOPE AND ELECTRICAL SPECIALTY CO. NOTES.—We have been playing through the Southern States to fair business since the raise of the quarantine in the South. The company left New Orleans after being tied up at that place for eight weeks, after it concluded a twenty-one weeks' engagement at the West End, New Orleans. The company includes the following people: Wm. T. Rock, proprietor; Will A. Reed, manager; Chas. B. Buckley, C. Lew Sully, Rita Leslie, Midget Bond and Bessie Mae Roome.

THE WELCH BROTHERS (Jim and Frank) played last week at the Wonderland, Buffalo, N. Y. They used a new setting for their act. The team has been engaged for the Kid McCoy Vaudeville Co.

THE AMERICAN COMEDY CLUB, of Manila, Philippine Islands, is giving minstrel and vaudeville performances at Whaley's Casino, that city. The club is composed of members of the Eighth U. S. Army Corps now stationed at Manila. Among those who took part on Nov. 26 were: Corp. W. G. Vance, Sergt. J. Gillis, T. W. Castello, Joe Blitz, C. Baker, A. Folkert, J. D. Lynch, M. Franklin, Sergt. W. R. Harris, P. H. Donhoe and Thoman and Commerce. Private Martin, of the Astor Battery, is stage manager.

GEORGE FELIX informs us that he was divorced from Dora Claxton (Rumpf) Dec. 20, in the Supreme Court of Cook County, Ill.

ELLA SHIELDS closed with the "Joshua Simpkins" Co. Jan. 11, and will play dates for the rest of the season.

JOHNSTONE AND GORMAN closed with Rentz-Santley Co., and were engaged by Manager Oppenheimer for his "Miss New York Jr." Co., presenting their two specialties in the olio.

THE VAN AUKENS, triple horizontal bar experts, were a feature of the bill at the Orpheum Theatre (formerly Creighton), Omaha, Neb., last week.

ARCHIE W. STANLEY AND MAMIE E. SCANLON, novelty musical act, closed with the Paige's Company week ending Dec. 10, at Wichita, Kan. They played the Chicago Opera House week of Jan. 2.

FILSON AND ERROL are credited with a continuous hit in their new act, entitled "A Daughter of Bacchus," over the Keith circuit, and are booked solid up to next March.

MOLLIE GRANGER, of the team of Doyle and Granger, was stricken with *la grippe* at Buffalo, N. Y., and the team was compelled to cancel engagements at Wonderland, Buffalo, and Hamilton, Can.

LEONARD AND FULTON open at the Orpheum, Kansas City, Jan. 22, with the Columbia, St. Louis, and the entire Castle and Kohl circuit to follow.

THE THREE NUDOS, Marie, Richard and Beth, have recently played the following houses: Grand Opera House, New Haven, Ct; Park Theatre, Worcester, Mass.; New Gilmore Theatre, Springfield, Mass., and Atlantic Garden, New York.

CLAYTON AND DE SHON, after closing a week at the Erie Theatre, Toledo, O., opened at the First Street Theatre, Parkersburg, W. Va. They are now in their third week there, and Fred Clayton has the management of the stage.

JOSEPH HART'S SPECIALTY CO. was pronounced the best vaudeville of the season by the press of Cincinnati, O., during the engagement at the Fountain Square Theatre, last week. Hart and De Mar headed the favorites, followed by Rudinoff, Valmore, Yorke and Adams, Ethel Levy, Chas. T. Aldrich, Lavender and Thomson, and the Brothers Damm.

NORMAN, the frog man, expects to have a company of his own next season. He will present his act with entirely new scenic and calcium effects. The organization will be called Norman's Big Comedy Co.

FORRESTER AND FLOYD opened Jan. 16 for a return date on the Keith circuit, at Union Square, with a new act by Arthur J. Lamb.

GUS. ANDREWS has finished a tour of the Kohl & Castle circuit.

HARRY LEOPOLD and Harry D. Bunnell are this week at the Casto Theatre, Fall River, Mass. They are rehearsing a new act with Earl Dixon.

FRED WYCKOFF is this week at Odeon, Baltimore, and will launch a new act at Huber's Fourteenth Street, this city, week of Jan. 23.

H. W. COREY having resigned from the management of the Casino Theatre, Middletown, N. Y., Thomas Watts, the proprietor, has appointed Geo. Lea and O. S. Hathaway managers. Mr. Lea is one of the oldest theatrical men still in harness, having run the theatre at Port Jervis for thirty-five years. Mr. Hathaway has had several years' experience, and will have charge of the booking.

BERNARD DYLLYN played Jan. 12 for the Veiled Prophet, at St. Louis, Mo. Last week he was entertained by Harry Harris, brother of the popular song writer, C. K. Harris. Mr. Dyllyn has closed with the Russell Brothers Co. and is considering several offers.

LONEY HASKELL entertained at a dinner given recently in Washington, D. C. Speaker Reed, Senator Platt, Congressman Quigg and other distinguished guests were present. Mr. Haskell gave an imaginary conversation through the telephone between a member of Congress and Ex-Governor Black, and the many telling points were loudly applauded.

ROSTER OF WILL C. CARLETON'S MODERN MINSTRELS.—Will C. Carleton, proprietor and manager; Thos. M. Berry, business manager; Jos. Colling, treasurer; J. F. West, stage director; MAX Dreyfuss, musicial director; Will C. Carleton, Berry and Mann, Jack F. West, Jos. Colling, Paul MacDonald, Lew Hanvey, W. M. Fuller, Geo. Herrmann, Ben Jansenn, Herbert Ackermann and the Clipper Quartet.

BEBE BARRETT, having left the Moulin Rouge Co., will join Clark Bros.' Royal Burlesquers for the rest of the season. Next season she will join hands with Grace Cevene.

SHEEHAN AND KENNEDY are with the Australian Beauties Co. for the season.

THOS. FANNING had to cancel all engagements on account of la grip and pneumonia, but is able to be around again.

JAMES CARMANELLI, of Carmanelli and Lucille, and Harry Daly, of the Dalys—Harry and Sadie—have taken the Hobson Theatre, Gloucester, Mass.

MANAGER HARRY WARD, of Barlow Bros.' Minstrels, states that their business in Macon, Ga., was the largest in the history of the house, for Christmas Day, and was the largest day of their season.

MRS. JOSEPH OPPENHEIMER is now at St. Vincent's Hospital, where she has a private room, and friends can call at any time to see her.

EDITH ELMORE was married recently to John J. Lysaght, a well known horseman of Buffalo, N. Y., and has retired from the profession.

FLO. IRWIN AND WALTER HAWLEY report success in their skit, "The Gay Miss Con." Miss Irwin is making a go with a song written for her by Hawley called "That Nigger Treated Me Alright." They will shortly play the Eastern circuits.

BOB AND HUGH PONWELL report the death of their sister, Alice, at their home, Davenport, Ia., Jan. 10.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville.—At Macauley's Theatre a local attraction, called "Terpsichore's Carnival," had possession of this house the fore part of last week. The proceeds are to be devoted for a silver service for the new battleship Kentucky. "Jack and the Bean stalk" was the attraction the latter half of the week, and, although the weather was stormy during their stay, the box office receipts were satisfactory. Coming: Moriz Rosenthal, pianist, Jan. 17; Melbourne McDowell and Blanche Walsh, in repertory, week 23.

AVENUE THEATRE.—"Two Little Vagrants" opened the week with good attendance, and continued so during the engagement. For week 15, "The Gay Matinee Girl."

TEMPLE THEATRE.—"The Three Guardsmen" was the attraction presented by the Weffert Stock Co. It proved popular with theatregoers, and they filled the house at every performance. For week 16, "Rip Van Winkle."

BUCKINGHAM THEATRE.—Reilly & Wood's Big Show did a phenomenal business here last week. On the night of the Sharkey-McCoy fight the crowd was so great the management was compelled to allow part of the audience in the wings on the stage. For week of 15, Fred. Irwin's Majestic Burlesquers.

HUNGO'S CONCERT HALL.—Marsh De Varo, Ella Norman, Charles Raynard and Nellie Fillmore, Nina Mason, Clifford and Scanlon, Mabel Parker, La Belle Freda, and stock. Business good.

ROBISON'S OLYMPIA.—The Johnsons, Alma Clifton, the Heelows, Fred Williams, Ed Barner. Business good.

Paducah.—At Morton's Opera House Governor "Bob" Taylor, of Tennessee, had a representative and appreciative audience to hear him lecture on "The Fiddle and the Bow." Creston Clarke is due Jan. 20.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—The hold over attractions for the current week are confined to the Hollis and Park Theatres and the Boston Museum, while at the other houses change of bills are announced. Business generally during the past week was good, although we had the most beastly kind of weather a portion of the time, especially the latter end of the week.

BOSTON THEATRE.—Monday evening, Jan. 16, Mathews and Bulger begin here an engagement of a single week, presenting their "rag time" comic opera, "By the Sad Sea Waves." Leading the cast of thirty five people are Nellie Hawthorne and Josie De Witt. Last week "The Old Homestead" did well.

TREMONT THEATRE.—The engagement of Mrs. Fiske at the Tremont has proven a success of the most unqualified kind. This week Mrs. Fiske presents Lorimer Stoddard's four act dramatization of Thos. Hardy's novel, "Tess of the D'Urbervilles." Last week she was seen in "Love Finds the Way" and "A Bit of Old Chelsea."

BOSTON MUSEUM.—Annie Russell, in Henry Lavedan's play, "Catherine," drew business of the best class to the Museum last week, and is billed until further notice. The cast is an exceptionally fine one. It is still on.

PARK THEATRE.—"A Dangerous Maid" has well proven her right to the name, at least so far as the risibilities of the large audiences who have seen her are concerned. Evening of 16 marks the opening of the second week, and we can safely look to a repetition of last week's crowded houses and the display nightly of the S. R. O. sign.

HOLLIS STREET THEATRE.—Audiences that have tested the capacity of this house ruled here last week, and John Drew, in Henry Arthur Jones' comedy, "The Liars," added an additional success to the already long list he has scored. But his stay beyond this week cannot be prolonged in consequence of the engagement of Julia Arthur, who will present during the first week (23) of her date "A Lady of Quality" at each performance, except Saturday afternoon and evening, when she will be seen in "Pygmalion and Galatea" and "Mercedes."

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Milton Aborn's New England Comic Opera Co. played a fine week here and closed Saturday evening, 14, with an immense audience in attendance. The repertory presented during the week was admirably chosen and met with the fullest approval and warm applause of the large gatherings present. For week of 16 Manager Mages announces Jas. W. Harkins Jr.'s fine play, "Under Sealed Orders," a story of the English secret service, in the cast of which is an able company, headed by Nadine Winstan and Max Freeman, both popular Bostonians. Next week, Hal Reid's drama, "Human Hearts."

COLUMBIA THEATRE.—"Have You Seen Smith?" a farce new to Boston, is the attraction at Manager Henry's house for the current week. Next week, "Through the Breakers." Last week, "Hogan's Alley."

CASTLE SQUARE THEATRE.—That well known melodrama, "Darkest Russia," is billed for presentation here this week, and will be staged in a manner that will develop to the fullest its splendid scenic effects and powerful dramatic situations. The house company is drawn upon in the cast, with J. H. Gilmour and Lillian Lawrence in the leading roles, and Tony Cummings as Col Septimus Cobb. Next week, "East Lynne." Last week "Too Much Johnson."

BOWDOIN SQUARE THEATRE.—N. S. Wood is the star card here this week, appearing in the five act sensational comedy drama, "The Orphans of New York." He will be supported by W. F. Canfield, Redfield Clarke, Sylvia Bidwell, Helene Du Carre and other well known people. Next week, "Rip Van Winkle." Last week, "The Ticket of Leave Man."

KEITH'S THEATRE.—Heading Manager Keith's bill this week is Harry Lacy, who appears in the bright comedy sketch, entitled "Bob Rackett's Pajamas," in which he will have the aid of Ida Van Siclen and Carl St. Aubyn. There will also be a notable treat for the fair sex and the juveniles in the production of "The Holly Tree Inn." In the vaudeville are Alice Atherton, Samuel Sieger, Servais Le Roy, Sadi Alfarabi, T. Nelson Downs, Master Joe O'Hare, boy soprano; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Budworth, the Marco Twins, Holiday and Ward, Hal Merritt, Ladell and Francis, Teed and Lazell, the American biograph, Baldwin and Daly, and Prof. Gies with his stereopticon views.

HOWARD ATHENÆUM.—The entertainment provided here for the present week is a more than ordinarily attractive one. It opens with a sketch called "The Reunion of All Nations," which is followed by an olio in which are Norma Wills and Monte Collins, Nelson, Glinseretti and Demonio, Lizzie Mulvey and Pearl Inman, Curtiss and Wooley, Weston and Beasly, Sophie Thorne and the Golden Gate Quartet. The finish is a humorous sketch, entitled "Frolics in a Cafe Chautant." The Howard's Own Show is given by Lillian Beach, vocalist; Nellie Height, commedienne; Tom and Gertie Grimes, sketch team; Gibson and Telburn, novelty dancers; May Vincent, soubrette; the Norrises, versatile people, and John Pendy, comedian.

GRAND THEATRE.—Marie D'Este's Red Stocking Minstrels, burlesquers and living pictures, about a half hundred in number are here for a stay of a week. They will start the entertainment with a minstrel first part, after which the olio follows, the participants therein being the De Elmar Trio, comedy acrobats; Toby Lyons, monologist; Comedians Finn and Mack, Mellie Franklin, soubrette; Morrissey and Proctor, Don H. Leon, John H. Mack, Carroll and Larkin, Albane and La Brant, Walsh and Thorne the Thomas & Watson Comedy Company, in a pleasant farce, and to close the show the merry burlesque, entitled "Prince Oso."

LYCEUM THEATRE.—The attraction presented by Manager Batcheller this week will be furnished by Rose Sydell's London Belles Burlesque Co., who will present two bright burlesques and an up to the times variety show. Opening the show is a comical skit, satirical in its way, called "The Female Drummer." In the olio are Chatham and Reiger, Richmond and Clements, the Fonti-Boni Bros., Hilton, juggler; Stinson and Merton, and the Laska Bros. in "Mental Illustrations of Mind Power." The entertainment closes with the sketch "The Red Cross Nurses."

NICKELODEON.—Attractions for week of 16 include in the curio halls a whortle-berry pie-eating match between eight young women; the description by Prof. and Mrs. E. W. Wood of the opium smoking habit and of a Chinese opium joint; Doyle Williams' new Punch and Judy show, bag punching by Hughy Morrow, Prof. Dodd and his wonderful talking dog "Nigger" and Mons. Happy and Sig. Guilmetti in their aerial performances. Other novelties are Sam Cohen, expansist; Ed. Nelson, pistol expert; and Dr. Thuman, seer. On the theatre stage are: Lillie Cole's Female Minstrels and an exhibition of living pictures.

PALACE THEATRE.—Tom Sharkey will be seen in sparring exhibitions during the week with local boxers. He appears in conjunction with the Robin Hood Burlesquers, a troupe of comedians and pretty girls, who appear in a snappy burlesque and a first class olio.

AUSTIN & STONE'S.—The skilled troupe of Filipino jugglers hold over here for another and final week, in which they will again astonish thousands by their marvelous feats of sleight of hand in the large lecture hall, and on the theatre stage will be seen the Denso Brothers, Morton and Melville, Frye and Allen, Tom Hefron, the Sisters Martierre, Tom Doyle, Marvellous Sascha, the Only Fenton, Sheridan and Forest, Charlie Sherman, the Two Delys, Polly and Lulu Raymon, the Vantinis and the Great Electoscope.

GYPSY CAMP.—This novel institution is now in its twenty-fifth week, and with the brightest of prospects ahead bids fair to become a prominent resort here. Muta Hilton has joined the camp, and gives her mesmeric seances daily. Business good thus far.

NOTES.—Davis & Keogh's "Daughters of the Poor" will be seen at the Columbia Theatre in a short time.....E. Lawrence Lee has been engaged as leading man of the Bowdoin Square Theatre Stock, and will make his appearance week of 30.....Business Manager Geo. Milbank, of Austin & Stone's Museum, has returned from a business trip to New York.....E. L. Snader and Fanny McIntyre closed on Saturday evening their engagement at the Bowdoin Square Theatre. Sylvia Bidwell succeeds Miss McIntyre as leading lady for the remainder of the season.....Will West, late of "Mr. Dazzler" Co., is now with Mathews and Bulger, in the cast of "By the Sad Sea Waves."

.....Fitzgerald Murphy is managing the "Under Sealed Orders" Co., at the Grand Opera House this week, and which also includes as members, Nadine Winstan and Max Freeman, who head the list.....The Girl I Left Behind Me" is coming to this city in a short time.....The Liliputians, with Frans Ebert, will appear here shortly, and, for the first time, at popular prices.....In the pie eating contest at the Nickelodeon this week, Manager Walker will have to provide a stock of about four hundred of those toothsome articles.....Joaquin Miller, the famed poet and lecturer, is booked for Keith's Theatre here week of Feb 6.....Whirling Rosa," the Egyptian Encampment, the Brothers Hermanetti, the Vienna heavyweight athletes and Jessica, female wizard of Berlin, will be at Austin & Stone's Museum next week.....Lieut. John B. Schoeffel, nephew and namesake of Manager John B. Schoeffel, of the Tremont Theatre, is visiting at his uncle's Brookline residence this week. Manager Schoeffel has two other nephews holding commissions in the United States Regular Army.....Buckstone's old time farce "The Dead Shot," will be revived at Keith's next week by Bert Cootes, Julia Kingsley and a selected company.....Richard Mansfield, with his own production of Rostand's "Cyrano de Bergerac" comes in a short time to the Hollis Street Theatre.....Owen Davis, Harvard, '94 is the author of "Through the Breakers," which is underlined for the Columbia Theatre next week, and in which Hope Booth enacts the role of Mabel Harwood.....Manager Walker, of the Nickelodeon, has engaged Capt. Carl, who is under contract to prepare every conceivable kind of stage optical deceptions which are to be used in Walker's Palace of Illusions. This new place will be opened in the near future.

Fall River.—At the Academy of Music the Bennett & Moulton Co. opened the first week of their two weeks' stay to S. R. O., and continued to good business the remainder of the week. The plays were of the modern order, the costuming and scenic details were carefully looked after, and, as a whole, meritorious productions was the rule. The vocal gems interspersed during the week by Mabel Adams won much favorable comment. Other hits were made by Clara Turner, Justin Adams and Jack Dempsey. This week an entire change of programme will be presented. Booked: Y. M. C. A. course Jan. 23, "Under Sealed Orders" 24, "The Ivy Leaf" 26-28.

CASTO THEATRE.—Manager Haynes is having excellent success, for he is giving the best vaudeville performances the city has ever had, and at prices the people can afford to pay. His patrons are the best people in town and ladies crowd the matinees. Week of 16: Raymon Moore, Baby Grace, Sadie Stephens, Maddox and Beach, Ida Russell, La Rose and Martino, Leopold and Bunnell, and presentation of "The Banker's Luck," for which occasion Ed. Chissie and Lulu Theis are added to the Casto Stock Co., and Mr. Haynes will return to the cast in the principal comedy role. Week of 23, Robert Downing and company, in "The Gladiator" and "Ingomar."

RICH'S THEATRE.—The musical comedy, "A Terrible Time," was presented at this cosy playhouse by the Harry Rogers Company, 12-14, to light business. The story of the farce is novel, and abounds with most laughable situations. With the comedy element in better hands the piece should be a winner. The house will probably be dark all this week. The Brans & Nina Vaudeville gathering comes 23-25. "A Jay in New York," with Billy Jerome, 26-28.

NICKELODEON MUSEE.—At Manager Sheedy's amusement resort the Biffin Academy Company was a very pleasing innovation, and large numbers were attracted to the Nickelodeon daily. This week: Seeker, Wilkes and Rastus, Mons Mathieu, Lew Knight, Wm. H. Burke, the Holbartons and Lester Howard. Week of 23, the management announce the return of the popular California Female Minstrels, assisted by the following people: Three Wright Sisters, Frank Clayton, Mlle. La Toska, Master Bovian, the Cornell Sisters, May Hoey and Lillian Williams.

NOTES.—Wiley Hamilton went from the Casto to Norfolk, Va., to assume the stage management of the Grand Opera House.....Wm. J. Coughlan, assistant manager at Rich's Theatre, is visiting Boston and surrounding towns, booking attractions for his cosy playhouse.....Manager Elmer Moulton, Daniel McClure, Lawrence Brooke and Jack Dempsey, of the Bennett & Moulton Company, jointly with the Kismet Mandolin, Guitar and Glee Club, assisted in making the moments merry at the Columbia Club's monthly "smoker," evening of 12.....The male performers of the Casto were the guests of the Puritan Lodge, K. of P., evening of 11, and with song and story added much to the pleasure of the occasion.....George Piatte, of Weaver and Piatte, of Washburn's Minstrels, is home for a short period on the sick list.....The Batchelor Sisters, of Fred Rider's Moulin Rouge Co., made a flying visit to their home in this city last week, during their engagement at the Westminster Theatre, Providence, R. I.

Worcester.—At the Worcester Theatre James K. Hackett, in "Rupert of Hentzau" drew a big house Jan. 9. "The Drummer Boy," for the benefit of Post 10, G. A. R. (local), packed the house at every performance from 10-14. Coming: Charles Coghlan, presenting "The Royal Box," 17; "Yankee Doodle Dandy" 18, "Through the Breakers" 20-21.

LOTHROP'S OPERA HOUSE.—"The Ivy Leaf" drew large houses last week. Coming: "The Girl I Left Behind Me" 16-21. Milton Aborn's New England Opera Co. 23-28.

PARK THEATRE.—This house had big audiences all last week. The bill for week of 16-21 is Charles W. Bowser and company, in "The Chicago Drummer;" the Straus, Gardner and Gilmore, Dixon, Bowers and Dixon, Hagord and Wild, the Zarros, Mamie Harnish, Mudge and Morton, the American biograph, Adelina Reattino, George Graham and Prof. Burke's trained dogs.

DISTRICT DEPUTY EDWARD J. KOFFMAN, of Lawrence Lodge of Elks, accompanied by his squire, D. J. O'Mahoney, visited Worcester Lodge of Elks 12, and at the close of the meeting presented Julius C. Zaeder, of Worcester Lodge, a solid gold elk's head emblem, set with jewels, as a token of appreciation by the lodge of M. Zaeder's memorial address before Lawrence Lodge last month. The Worcester Lodge of Elks will give a reception to their lady friends at their next meeting, Jan. 19.

Lowell.—At the Opera House Modjeska gave a very good portrayal of "Mary Stuart" Jan. 9, to good house. "Because She Loved Him So" drew a large house 10. "Under Sealed Orders" did a fair business 11, 12. "Yankee Doodle Dandy," with Walter Jones and Gertrude Zella in the leading roles, had good house 14. Geo. W. Wilson's Ideal Co. 16, for week.

MUSIC HALL.—"A Sleeping City" is due 20, 21. Rose Sydell's London Belles Co. came 9-11, to good houses. New York Star Co. proved a meritorious attraction 13-14, and had large houses.

BIJOU THEATRE.—Booked 16 and week: Carre and Carroll, Madge Cooper, St. Clair and Peters, Tom McCarty, Lulu Robinson. The houses last week were very well attended.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.—Billed for 16 and week: The Donegal Twins, Marrion Brothers, John H. Murtha, the Three Wrights, Maud Adams. A satisfactory week's business ended 14.

NICKELODEON.—Good houses resulted from last week's bill. Another variety bill this week.

Lynn.—At the Lynn Theatre Fanny Rice, in "At the French Ball," Jan. 19, had good business. A local company presented "David Garrick" 12, for the benefit of Valladolid Council, Knights of Columbus. "Under Sealed Orders" was witnessed by a fair house 14. Booked: "The Ivy Leaf" 16, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" 17, "The Old Homestead" 19, Leon Washburn's Minstrels 27, 28.

OXFORD GEM THEATRE.—Business continues to improve at this house. This week's attractions are: James Brown and Charles Benard, rag time coons; Frank Emerson, black face comedian; the Graham Sisters, serio comic singers; Alice Lomas, vocalist, and McAvoy and McCabe (Billy and James), sketch team.

EDMUND PHELAN, manager of the Boston Ideal Stock Co., passed most of the last week at his home in this city. The company appeared in Chelsea.....J. W. Gorman, of Boston, furnished the entertainment for the annual meeting of Lynn Merchants' Association 19.

Lawrence.—At the Opera House theatricals were quiet last week, only one attraction being booked. "Under Sealed Orders" was presented to a fair house Jan. 13. The Waite Comedy Co., in repertory, will hold the boards for two weeks, opening 16. There is every reason to predict big business as the house was sold out for the opening night three days in advance. Bookings: "The Telephone Girl" Feb. 1, "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh" 3, 4.

NEW THEATRE.—This house was dark week of Jan. 9. Harry Rogers Co. presents the laughing comedy, "A Terrible Time," 16-18.

CASINO.—Business continues good. The bookings, 16-21, include: Archer and Garlow, Marion Alecia, John P. Mack, Burton and Paul, Lulaine, and Killy Burk.

Taunton.—"Gayest Manhattan" came Jan. 12, to fair business. Washburn's Double Minstrels come 16, 17.

OHIO.

Cincinnati.—Simply the promise of the coming of "Cyrano de Bergerac" served to arouse the atregoers, and the all day crushes in the lobby of the Grand Opera House during the first few days of the advance sale for Richard Mansfield engagement were reminiscent of the scenes that preceded the early visits of Bernhardt and Irving to Cincinnati. The first day's sale reached $4,000, and that figure shows that when Cincinnati wants to see an attraction the money is always forthcoming.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Richard Mansfield will open Jan. 16, in "Cyrano de Bergerac." Last week "The Sign of the Cross" did not quite reach the figure attained a year ago, but there were several crushes and the matinees were especially popular. The Liliputians 22, in "The Collar of Gold."

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—W. J. Clifford and Maud Huth are among the most popular vaudeville stars coming to Cincinnati, and they are sure of a royal welcome 16, in "A High Born Lady." Last week "In Old Kentucky" proved to be quite as magnetic as ever, and on several occasions the S. R. O. sign was in use. The Rays, in "A Hot Old Time" 22.

PIKE OPERA HOUSE.—The Neill Stock Co., reinforced by members of the Frawley Stock Co., will put on "An Enemy to the King," 15. Last week "The Butterflies" was received with favor. Herschel Mayall made a great Frederick Ossian. The play was magnificently staged. "Friends," 22.

HEUCK'S OPERA HOUSE.—"When London Sleeps" will open 15. The engagement of "A Guilty Mother" will rank as one of the most successful of the season. "The Wheel of Fortune" 22.

STAR THEATRE.—Edwin Gordon Lawrence and his company will be seen 15, in "For Her Sake," a romantic drama of Russian life. The Brady Stock Co. finished its course 14, and there was something pathetic about its closing performances. Much applause was bestowed upon each old favorite. "Lynwood" and "Queenie" were presented last week, under the personal direction of J. K. Tillotson. "The Land of the Living" 22.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE THEATRE.—Flo Irwin and Walter Hawley are featured for 15, in "The Gay Miss Con." Others include the Matweef Troupe, Smith and Fuller, John and Bertha Gleason, Maud Beal Price, E. M. Hall, the Three Renos and Edward Royle. The biograph will be put in again. The Joseph Hart Specialty Co. played to great business last week.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.—Irwin Brothers' Burlesquers come 15, following Fred Irwin's Majestic Burlesquers, who created something of a furore last week. Business continues big. Mav Howard's Burlesquers 22.

HEUCK'S WONDER WORLD THEATRE.—Gussie Addison, the Zenos, McIntyre and Rice, and Barney and Russell will open 16, the latter pair putting on the sketch, "The Dago and the Monk." In the curio halls the Vernelos, and Whale Oil Gus and Little Monday will be seen. Last week the three legged boy proved to be a great magnet.

CROSLEY'S THEATRE.—Early in the morning, 13, there was a blaze at Heuck's Opera House, similar to one at People's a few months ago. Imperfect insulation of electric wires was the cause of the fire, which was extinguished with great difficulty, but small loss.....Samuel Fletcher, of the "What Happened to Jones" Co., happened in during the week.....M. C. Anderson, of the Walnut Street and Fountain Square, spent most of the week in New York.....Marcella Sembrich will be the soloist at the first "Pop" of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra at Music Hall, 22.....Thomas Eagleson, who was with the Keene Stock Co., spent last week here with "A Guilty Mother."....Flo Irwin rested in Cincinnati most of last week.....Will Fennessy, of "A Cheerful Idiot," spent a day with his brother last week.....Teresa Carreno was the soloist at the last symphony concerts.....T. D Frawley spent the week here as the guest of James Neill. He will remain here several days and then move on to Washington, where he will locate for a Spring and Summer stock season.....Robert Matthews is home from New Orleans.....Frank Mathieu and Louis Payne, late of the Frawley Company, will take part in the revival of "An Enemy to the King."

.....Al. Thayer is back on his old stamping ground.

.....Joseph Havlin, father of Manager John H. Havlin, died at his home in Covington, Ky., early last week. He was seventy-three years old.

Cleveland.—Of all of Cleveland's favorites none have a stronger hold on the theatregoing public than Sol Smith Russell. As Assistant Treasurer Fred Brandt tersely put it, "He has no advance agent, merely sends his ads. to the press by mail and the public comes and buys out the house." During week of Jan. 9 the Opera House was more than crowded, and at several of the evening performances standing room was at a premium. Mr. Russell's new play, "Hon. John Grigsby," caught on in most magnificient shape, and proved itself an able vehicle to display his wondrous talent. Mr. Russell has surrounded himself with a company of no mean calibre, and thereby further strengthens his hold on our people. "The Sign of the Cross," also an accepted favorite here, will be played 16 and week. Rogers Bros., in "A Reign of Error" 23.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—Robert Fitzsimmons and Edward Harrigan, in "Mulligan Guard Ball," 9 and week, did not share in the general prosperity of the week, although business was fair. The musical act of Theo, interpolated in the play, won most hearty applause, and deservedly so. Kellar will mystify 16, and week, and will be followed by "What Happened to Jones" 23.

CLEVELAND THEATRE.—"The White Slave" was the offering week 9, and business very fair. "A Guilty Mother" 16.

STAR THEATRE.—Irwin Bros.' Burlesque Show proved a very sterling attraction week of 9. The show is replete with good specialty and novelty acts. The olio is clever and the bill is as follows: The Street Arabs Quartet, whose singing is a novelty; Louise Carver and Pauline Black do a prime comedy act, Charley Merrill and Will Newton, in fancy bicycle riding; Lillian Walton, illustrated songs; Barry Thompson and Annie Carter, and Scott and Wilson, acrobatic conjurers. The performance concludes with "A Night at the Armory," a bright skit, in which George Sidney distinguishes himself with his Hebrew character delineations. Reilly & Wood Show 16, week. Weber's "Dainty Duchess" 23.

CURE.—Prof. A. E. Lefebre, saxaphone soloist of national reputation, and formerly with Gilmore, has permanently located in Cleveland, and expects to spend the balance of his years here.....During the performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Lyceum, last week, some miscreant mixed some chemical in the face powder boxes of the ladies, causing exceeding annoyance and pain, and compelling one of the company to lay over in Cleveland in the doctor's care.....Bob Fitzsimmons, who received the advices of the Sharkey-McCoy fight here, expressed himself from the stage nightly that his one hope in life is a meeting with Sharkey.....Cleveland Lodge No. 18, B. P. O. Elks gave an immense theatre party 12 to see Sol Smith Russell.

Dayton.—At the Grand Opera House "My Friend from India," with Walter Perkins in the role, played to good business Jan. 12. Clay Clement, in "The New Dominion" and "A Southern Gentleman," comes 17, 18.

PARK THEATRE.—"The Wheel of Fortune" did a paying business 9-11. "The Dangers of a Great City" drew well 12-14. Coming: Chas. E. Blaney's "The Electrician" 16-18, "Oliver Byron, in "Across the Continent" 19-21.

SOLDIERS' HOME THEATRE.—"My Friend from India" pleased a large audience at this house 13. Oliver Byron comes 18, in "The Ups and Downs of Life."

HARMONIA HALL.—The Harmonia Society (local) produced "Sing Vogel" 8, to a good sized house.

NOTES.—The many friends of Kenyon Bishop, the Dayton young lady who played the role of Tillie, in "My Friend from India," turned out en masse to greet her during the engagement here of that company.....Adelia Ellison, who played the leading role in "The Wheel of Fortune," took out a writ of replevin here against J. H. Phillips, the manager of the company. The show effects were attached. Miss Ellison was discharged by the management in Toledo on the alleged ground that she was intoxicated and unable to play her role. She denies this and sues for $91.50, which includes two weeks salary, she claiming that she was entitled to two weeks notice of dismissal, and $91.50 for the railroad fare back to New York City. A motion to dismiss the attachment has been filed, and will be heard in Squire Mackey's Court.....The body of William Howell Seymore, the aged actor who died in St. Elizabeth Hospital, this city, Jan. 6, was buried in Woodland Cemetery here, Jan. 10. The deceased was brought to the hospital on the evening of Dec 6 by a man giving his name as John Bushell, and his address as Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Seymore had evidently suffered the ravages of both disease and hunger. In answer to inquiries about his past he would only say that he came from an old and at one time well to do English family. When informed by wire of the actor's death Mr. Bushell sent a reply asking that the remains be given a decent burial. Nothing further could be learned. The remains were turned over to Undertakers Harris & Ebbing for burial.....Geo. S. Ketchum, who assumes control of the Grand in the Fall, was in the city 13.

Zanesville.—At Schultz's Opera House "What Happened to Jones" came Jan. 11, to a large and well pleased audience. Booked: The Turpen Turpin, "In a Persian Garden," under the auspices of the Fortnightly Musical Club, 19; "A Guilty Mother" 25, "Natural Gas" 26, "A Milk White Flag" canceled for 23.

MEMORIAL HALL.—The Boston Lyric Opera Co. came for five evenings and Wednesday and Saturday matinees to increased audiences each evening, in repertory, rendering "Said Pasha" Monday evening and Wednesday matinee, "The Black Hussar" Tuesday, "Fra Diavolo" Wednesday, "Amorita" Friday, Saturday matinee "The Bohemian Girl," and in the evening "The Beggar Student," closing with a splendid house.

NOTES.—Prof. De Motte, under the auspices of the Star Course, gave his illustrated lecture, entitled "The Harp of the Senses," to a crowded house, on the evening of 12.....Philip Calvert, who has been playing the role of the Indian in "What Happened to Jones," has been appointed business manager. Lewis Renhart assumes the role left vacant by Mr. Calvert's promotion, while Julia Sager played Majorie in place of Laura Case.

Toledo.—At the Valentine the stock company did fair business Jan. 10-14. Booked: James K. Hackett 17, 18 "Shore Acres" 20, 21, "The Sign of the Cross" 23, 24, Richard Mansfield 25, Clay Clement 26.

BURT'S THEATRE.—Cummings Stock Co. came to fair business 13-14. "A Milk White Flag" 15-18, Edw. Harrigan and Bob Fitzsimmons 19-21.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.—"Darkest America," to good houses, 13-14. "The Girl from Ireland" 15-18, May Howard's Burlesque Co. 19-21.

Steubenville.—At the Olympia Oliver Scott's Minstrels gave a pleasing show Jan. 11. Porter J. White, in "Faust," came to good business, and gave an excellent performance 13. On account of the disbandment of two companies, the house will remain dark week of 16.

LONDON THEATRE.—Attendance is very good. Performers week of 16: Bebe Rell, the Musical Smiths, Addie Favart, Jackson and Clark, Myers and Black, and the stock, in burlesque.

Youngstown.—At the Youngstown Opera House Oliver Byron, Jan. 9-11, had good houses, on account of popular prices. "Shore Acres," 14, matinee and evening, drew big houses despite very inclement weather, and gave good satisfaction. Booked: "A Country Merchant" 18, "A Milk White Flag" 19, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" 21.....Irwin Bros.' Burlesquers spent Sunday here, *en route* to Cleveland.....Herman C. Hirshberg, of Digby Bell's company, is visiting relatives in the city. Mr. Hirshberg will rejoin Mr. Bell soon in a new play by Francis Hodgson Burnett, called "Jim Hearst, Gentleman."

Akron.—Byrnes Brothers, in "Going to the Races," made a favorable impression at the Grand Opera House Jan. 11. "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" had a small house 13. Atchison's "Peck's Bad Boy" had two large audiences 14. "Shore Acres" comes 16, "A Midnight Alarm" 23, Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" 24, "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" 25, Hoyt's "A Texas Steer" 27.....T. A. Henshaw, advance agent for "Peck's Bad Boy," was in Akron 9.

Marion.—At the Grand Opera House the City Sports came to good business Jan. 9. "Shore Acres" was presented to a fair audience 11. Coming: "My Friend from India" 18, "What Happened to Jones" 20, "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" 23, Brothers Rover 27, Stetson's "U. T. C." 28.

Mansfield.—At the Memorial Opera House "What Happened to Jones" had a large and highly pleased audience Jan. 9. Byrnes Brothers, in "Going to the Races," had good attendance 13. Jno. B. Huggins, a Mansfield boy, is with

MADISON SQUARE THEATRE.—There was produced at this theatre on Jan. 16, for the first time in this city, "Because She Loved Him So," a comedy, in three acts, adapted by Wm. Gillette from the French farce, "Jalouse," by Bisson and Leclercq. This work, which is presented by a company under the management of Charles Frohman, had its first performance on Oct. 28, 1898, at the Hyperion Theatre, New Haven, Conn., and its story has already appeared in our columns. Its theme is by no means novel, the unreasonable jealousy of a young wife, through excess of love for her amiable and blameless husband, nor is the remedy devised by her parents, a pretended quarrel, a very ingenious device, or one which in real life would be apt to prove efficacious. The complications which ensue are nevertheless cleverly invented and very mirth provoking. The original authors are master hands at this sort of creation, and the skillful work of Mr. Gillette is constantly apparent, the result being a play which is very entertaining, and in which sentiment mingles with humor, raising the play to a grade rarely attained by works of its class. The almost constant exhibitions of jealous rage, real and simulated, would be rather monotonous were they not relieved by the comic perturbation and despair of the innocent victim, Tom, whose matrimonial prospects are thereby seriously impaired, and by the picture of domestic bliss presented in the beginning of the second act, and also the pretty comedy of the card table scene. The performance was practically flawless, although the acting of the players engaged was not of absolutely uniform excellence. It must be borne in mind that the work contains a play within a play, that the quarrel of the old couple must necessarily be less realistic than that of the young people, simply because it was not real, but was the simulative attempt of two gentle, loving and lovely old people, whose long term of devotion had caused ignorance of the methods of strife, and whose efforts to depict domestic infelicity must necessarily prove farcical. Thus viewed, Mr Dodson's performance was excellent, its difficulties being greatly increased by its insincerity. Some of his pantomime was very expressive, and in the wildest moments of his simulated rage the gentle nature of the loving husband was but dimly obscured. He constantly recalled to mind his countryman, John Hare, of gentle memory. Ida Conquest played with convincing sincerity, and although Gertrude West, in whose guise she appeared, is the sole disturber of the peace, she, nevertheless, won for her sympathetic regard. Edwin Arden again proved himself to be a player of high rank, although his role presented but few difficulties to one of his skill and experience. Still, it is not indifferent praise to say that he left not the slightest margin for improvement. Leonora Braham, a new comer, from Mr. Frohman's Duke of York Stock Company, London, gave a thoroughly meritorious dialect character sketch. Kate Meek gave a delightful impersonation of Mrs. Weatherby, and Maggie Fielding made Margaret, servant at the Weatherby's, one of the most life like and entertaining creations in the play. The highest meed of praise must, however, be awarded to Arnold Daly, whose creation of Tom Weatherby is a masterpiece, the boyish enthusiasm, the anxious solicitude, the acute sufferings, and the alternating hope and despair of the unfortunate youth being shown with equal and with rare fidelity. The minor roles were all well filled. The play is rich in humor and displays also a pretty wit. It is handsomely and appropriately set, and is almost sure to prove a great success. It was thus cast: Oliver West, Edwin Arden; John Weatherby, J. E. Dodson; Thomas Weatherby, Arnold Daly; Edward Marsh, William B. Smith; Rev. Lyman Langley, Tully Marshall; Albert Pritchard, W. J. Constantine; Mr. Jackson, Charles Eldridge; Mr. Breslin, Roy Fairchild; Gertrude West, Ida Conquest; Mrs. John Weatherby, Kate Meek; Donna Adelina Gonzales, Leonora Braham; Margaret, Maggie Fielding; Susan, Margaret Mayo; Miss Julie Langley, Edythe Skerrett; Mrs. Jackson, Frances Comstock.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Rich & Harris presented Andrew Mack for the initiation of an indefinite engagement at this house, Monday, Jan. 16, and in spite of the indefatigable rainfall there were few vacant seats in the big auditorium when the curtain went up on the first local presentation of Ernest Lacy & Joseph Humphreys' three act comedy drama, "The Ragged Earl," the bill intended for uninterrupted presentation during this engagement. The play was given its initial production at the Hyperion Theatre, New Haven, Ct., Aug. 29, and as we subsequently published a story of its plot it is not necessary, did space permit, to again detail its interesting progress and final happy outcome. The success of play and players generally was complete, while Mr. Mack's personal reception and constant encouragement amounted to little short of a triumph, in the best sense of the term. With "youth by his side," an abundance of constantly developing and evidently increasing dramatic ability, a personal bearing which immediately charms beholders, and a magnetic something in his demeanor which at once puts him on the best terms with everyone, he would seem to have ample supply of the gifts which make popular and effective stars. Adding a voice of great sweetness and purity of tone, if not as robust as might be to his best advantage, the total effectiveness would seem to warrant his firm establishment in popular favor, an outcome which was unquestionably displayed in the enthusiasm of his audience on Monday evening. "My Sweet Maid" is a delightful ballad of the popular sort, and, with the other songs he introduced incidental to the play was vociferously applauded and redemanded until he had quite sung himself out. Annie Ward Tiffany was in constant favor with the audience, and the other members of the excellent company enacted their several roles in a manner to bring complete success to the play. Two exteriors and an interior have been taken advantage of to scenically equip the piece in a thoroughly adequate manner, and the stage management and accessories show a careful attention to detail which in no small measure emphasizes the undoubted success of the excellent play. The authors have given the public the full benefit of their evident skill in playwriting, with the added lustre of literary accomplishments seldom displayed in dramatic work of like character, the whole forming a basis for entertainment of the better grade which, capably acted, as it is, shows to splendid advantage. Comedy, pathos, love and villainy have frequent innings, while at several points the play reaches exciting climaxes, plausably introduced, which stir the house to enthusiasm. Laying prophecy aside, the merit of star, play and company certainly warrants a long engagement, sweetened with financial spoils of liberal account. The cast: Gerald Fitzgerald, Andrew Mack; Patrick O'Kellar, W. J. Mason; Larry Donovan, James Vincent; Maurice O'Brian, Thomas Jackson; Father Barry, John C. Fenton; Sir Henry Hardcastle, Henry Hermant; Ralph Forester, Edwin Brandt; James, Thomas Mackay; Lord Wildbrook, B. T. Ringgold; A Process Server, J. T. Thomas; Reegan, Barney Williams; Mrs. Fitzmaurice, Minnie Monk; Kathleen Fitzmaurice, Josephine Lovett; Una Fitzmaurice, Georgia Florence Olp; Sarah McHugh, Annie Ward Tiffany. Lady visitors were presented with a very pretty souvenir in the form of an aluminum panel, with easel support, bearing an excellent portrait of the star, surrounded with pictures of Sheridan, Moore, Balfe and Lever, the connection being found in the words, "These My Inspiration Are."

GARDEN THEATRE.—Viola Allen, in "The Christian," entered on Jan. 16 upon the fourteenth week of her metropolitan engagement. The business remains unchanged, the capacity of the house being taxed at each performance. It is claimed that the weekly receipts average $11,000, and the advance sale is as brisk as ever.

GARRICK THEATRE.—"ZAZA," which began last week its metropolitan career at this house, seems likely to be the biggest financial success of the current season. The acting of Mrs. Carter took the house by storm, and the tremendous outburst of praise she received has created an almost unprecedented demand for seats. Every night Mrs. Carter is tended an ovation, and the enthusiasm of the audience is almost riotous.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—"Trelawny of the 'Wells,'" now in the ninth week of its run at this house, is drawing all the house will hold, and the overflow is securing seats far in advance. This charming comedy is on for a lengthy stay, and it is not likely that any other play will be produced at this theatre this season.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—"Phroso" entered on Jan. 16 upon the fourth week of its run. It has been very successful, and it is now announced that none of the new plays which Mr. Frohman has on hand will be needed this season, although some of them will be presented at special matinees.

KNICKERBOCKER THEATRE.—Nat C. Goodwin and Maxine Elliott, in "Nathan Hale," are now in their third week. The play has found much favor and the excellent acting of the joint stars has rendered this a very strong attraction.

KEITH'S UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—The offering here for the week of Jan. 16-21 evidences careful booking and a determination to return the bills to the splendid standard of excellence maintained some months ago, a time when these programmes were fashion plates of high grade amusement in a vaudeville way. The topping feature is provided by Edwin Milton and Selina Fetter Royle, in the presentation of Mr. Royle's latest one act comedy, "The Highball Family," an act written with especial view to introducing these talented folk at their best. The distillery in vaudeville gains new impetus in this sketch, assumed and genuine inebriation being the pivot upon which the fun turns. Mary Dupont and Wm. Frederic give especially able support. The ladies are often unduly boisterous in overdoing their trumped up debauch, but the laughter flows thick and fast, and the hit can be stated as substantial. E. E. Kidder's new farce, "Mistress and Maid," is presented with abundant laughing results by Amy Lee and Eugene Sweetland, and the Gypsy Quintet introduce a line of vocal harmony which is vigorously applauded and encored. The standard feature of the bill is again disclosed in the continuance of the wonderful American biograph, its animated picture list remaining as popular as ever. Baron's dogs have a second week alloted for the display of their higher education, and a new European act of merit is seen when the Arras Trio come into view for exhibitions of their acrobatics. Willard Simms offers his entertaining specialty with good results, and the amusement is rounded out through the efforts of Edward F. Reynard, ventriloquist; the Maginleys, on the flying trapeze; the MacMahons, statue poses; Weston and DeVeaux, Forrester and Floyd, in a new act; Satsums, and Howard and Bland. As to business, the seats were all filled and many late arrivals were compelled to be content with the best view points obtainable afoot.

LONDON THEATRE.—Weber's Parisian Widows is playing its first Bowery engagement this season, and drew a full house Monday evening, Jan. 16. Castellat and Hall opened proceedings in their lively acrobatic comedy medley; Gilbert and Goldie, presenting their laughable dialogue, created unlimited merriment; Sadie Cushman and Herbert Holcombe rendered operatic selections in "A Business Transaction," *a la* Klondike, with success; the Burman Sisters, with Lizzie Van replacing one of them, owing to illness, exchanged gingerly repartee and sang character songs; the Manhattan Comedy Four (Sam J. Curtis, A. F. Williams, Al. Shean and Ed. C. Mack) mingled melody and comedy in happy fashion, and Boyce and Black gave a black face specialty that caught the house, "A High Ball" is the title of the new burlesque, and forms an interesting diversion. Sadie Cushman was the principal sport. Wm. Gilbert in an extremely funny Jew character, and Al Shean, as his chum, in a like character, introduced laughable business, which included, besides those mentioned, Melytha Adams, Lizzie Hall, Dora Wiseman, Tennie Barton, Marion Castle, Mamie West and Lizzie Taylor. The incidental musical numbers, including a cakewalk, in which several colored couple participated, led by Boyce and Black, were applauded. C. F. Wiegand is manager for L. Lawrence Weber; Max Lazarus, business manager; Wm. Gilbert, stage manager; Theo. A. Metz, musical director. Next week, Jacobs & Lowry's Merry Maidens.

STAR THEATRE.—Davis & Keogh's production of Scott Marble's four act comedy drama, "Daughters of the Poor," was given for the first time in this city Monday, Jan. 16, when an overflowing house enthusiastically voted the play entirely to its liking. When it was first produced, at the Adelphi Theatre, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9, last, we printed a story of its plot, which deals with supposed incidents in New York life, well blended and brought out with the best effect. The presenting company has been selected with evident care and give the play an interpretation which emphasizes to the full extent the many admirable features and telling situations in which it abounds. From the size and enthusiasm of the opening audience it seems reasonable to expect a continuation, during the current week, of the remarkably liberal patronage which has thus far this season been bestowed upon this favorite resort. The play was cast as follows: John Lindsay, Arnold Reeves; Robert Lindsay, Conrad Cantzen; Dave Rogers, Walter McCullough; Isadore Cohen, L. F. Howard; John Valley, Harry Richards; Bur Fox, Harry Booker; Teddie Cook, Pat Rooney; Officer Grady, M. J. Gallagher; Marshal Hanner, Roudy, Fred. Richter; Mrs. Dean, Eliza Hudson; Hester Dean, Eugenie Besserer; Bessie Dean, Gertrude Liddy; Lize, Mattie Rooney; Snappy Schafer, Carrie M. Ezier; Mrs. Valley, Jennie Elberts. Next week, "Cumberland '61."

PROCTOR'S THEATRE.—"Good business" is an old cry at this resort, but a pleasant one to the management, and one fully warranted by the excellent bills presented week after week. Heading the current programme are the Streator Zouaves, twenty in number, a crack organization from the West, who go through the manual of arms and other military evolutions with lightning like rapidity. They close their "turn" with an exhibition of wall scaling, which is done in a twinkling and with surprising agility. They scored an undoubted success. S. Miller Kent, with the assistance of Jane Stetson and Nellie Sheldon, presented a sketch, entitled "Jack's Past," which found favor. The Sisters Macarte, on the slender silver wire, performed many very difficult feats, and won rounds of hearty applause for their work. While their work is naturally fraught with danger they dispel all anxiety by the ease, grace and dexterity which marks their performance. Caron and Herbert presented their well known comedy acrobatic act in their usual clever way, and fully earned the hearty approval which fell to their lot. Richard Pitrot was as entertaining as ever with his mimicry. Zazel and Vernon, comedy bar performers of the front rank, presented their new act, called "The Tourist and His Comic Valet," and kept the audience laughing and guessing what was going to be done next. Other pleasing numbers were furnished by the Three Rackett Brothers, musical act; Mayme Gehrue, buck and rag time dancer; Gloss Brothers, gymnasts; Leonidas' dogs and cats, Hadj Lessek, gun spinner; Bob Alden and "Strapp" Hill, in "coon novelties;" James W. Reagan, vocalist, and Allen Wightman, clay modeler and crayon artist. The usual Sunday concert was given 15.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.—Manager Sheldon's offering this week is "Chattanooga," another of Lincoln J. Carter's realistic productions, which opened here, for the first time in New York, Jan. 16. The play was first produced June 25, 1898, at Chicago. In point of cast it is the best drama seen at this house for some time. The story, which is of the War of the Rebellion and contains nothing novel, has appeared in our columns. The full cast is appended: Leon Cornell, known as Lieutenant Gray, U. S. A., Horace V. Noble; Major John Cornell, U. S. A., Francis Cambello; Andrew Jeffries, Robert Harland; Bertie Jeffries, Francis Justice; Amos Cornell and Hank Harris, James L. Harding; Uncle Pete, W. J. Simms; Col. Porter, Hiram Martin; Gen. Joseph Hooker, Robert Ellington; Corporal Murphy, Frederick Morton; Private Bailey, Harry Duncan; Engineer Jones, Charles Wilkinson; Private Leverine, W. J. Radcliffe; Private Anderson, Charles Duncan; Rose Jeffries, Lorese Weyman; Fanny Davis, Willie Simms; Julia Davis, Eugenie Fredericks. Mr. Noble, as well as Mr. Cambello, deserve special praise for a faultless performance, and of the ladies, Miss Weyman was exceptionally convincing as to talent. The Misses Simms and Fredericks were also good in their respective roles, and the others also gave excellent support. Mr. Justice and Mr. Harland being strong in their work. The scenic effects were good, being made effective by the clever introduction of projectoscope views. Jay Simms is manager of the tour; Geo. W. Irish, agent; Robert Harland, stage manager; W. J. Radcliffe, master of effects; W. J. Simms, master of properties. Next week, Edwin Gordon Lawrence, in "For Her Sake."

MINER'S BOWERY THEATRE.—A good sized house greeted Clark Brothers' Royal Burlesquers on their return for this week, opening Jan. 14. The Sisters Bernard, Bixley and Weston, the Cosmopolitan Trio, Dot Davenport, the Mignani Family, Tenley and Simonds, and Howard and Emerson are the strong olio numbers. "An Alderman's Election," Elmer Tenley and Teddy Simonds in the principal comedy roles, presents its attractive features. Next week, "The Monte Carlo Girls." W. S. Clark was presented Monday evening with a handsome ensignia of the Elks, he having lately joined the order. The memento was contributed by the attaches of the house.

FOURTEENTH STREET THEATRE.—Chauncey Olcott began his second week in "A Romance of Athlone" Jan. 16, a continuation of the first week's crowds being accorded him.

"BROWN'S IN TOWN," J. J. Rosenthal's new farce, will follow May Irwin at the Bijou Theatre, opening Feb. 20, for a run.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—Francis Wilson, in "The Little Corporal," began a fortnight's return engagement at this house on Jan. 16.

TONY PASTOR'S THEATRE.—Again seekers after good vaudeville were entertained in great throngs at this house on Jan. 16, when another interesting bill of continuous variety swung into view. Early in the opening hours, and again at night, the standing room was called into use by the latest arrivals, the evening crush making it necessary to turn away many applicants for admission who could not find accommodations suited to their desires. Falke and Semon present their splendid musical specialty as the feature of the long and varied bill, and score heavily throughout. The double monologue introduced by Sidney Grant and Miss Norton, although heard here very recently, was productive of success for each, and the graceful closing of the act won hearty applause. Blocksom and Burns gave their grotesque eccentriques with telling effect, their long absence from this stage making their act something of a novelty for these audiences. McBride and Goodrich scored their accustomed strong hit through the medium of clever dancing, and Emma Carus was an immediate favorite with the audiences, which at once put her in their catalogue of champions. Chas. B. Nelson and Mamie Millege gave their entertaining specialty to applause abundant, and Emile Girard and Monta Elmo, dancers, hat and flag spinners, made their offering effective. Antionette Cyr and Eddie Hill, favorite little duettists with these audiences, were again successful, and the entertainment was made complete and effective through the entertaining abilities of Conroy and Staats, Burt Marion and Sadie Dean, Les Vougeres, Purcelle and Maynard, and Val Vino and Bessie Searle. Next week Chas. Wayne and Anna Caldwell present, for the first time here, "To Boston on Business," an act which has won favor elsewhere.

HERALD SQUARE THEATRE.—A four act farcical comedy, new to this city, entitled "That Man," was played here on Jan. 16, in the presence of a large and kindly disposed audience, whose verdict on the merits of the attraction appeared to be a favorable one. The work is by Mme. Vivanti Chartres, and its original performance was given on Aug. 29, 1898, at the Columbia Theatre, Washington, D. C. The present production is under the management of Mrs. A. M. Palmer. There is considerable ingenuity displayed in the theme, and a number of its situations are odd and amusing, while its dialogue is bright, and a line here and there is decidedly witty. The action is brisk at times, but it occasionally lags, and the climaxes of the acts are a trifle crude. It would be advisable to eliminate several speeches which, as delivered on the opening night, were far too immodest, and which detract from the merits of the work. Doubtlessly these corrections will be made when the difficulties between the management and the authoress are successfully adjusted, and a much more entertaining performance will result. In brief, this is the plot: Theophilus Montjoy arrives from the country and visits his cousin, Claire, at what she considers a most opportune time. She and two of her friends have husbands who persist in making business engagements, which have aroused suspicions. The wives prevail upon Theophilus to arouse the jealousies of their husbands by every possible means, and he is to receive liberal pay in return. He makes the venture such a success that he decides to adopt the profession of jealousy arouser, and soon meets the very woman who is responsible for all the "business" engagements of his clients' husbands. He thinks he sees in her a possible client, and tells her the names of the women who are employing him. All meet at the French ball, and, after a deal of complications for all, Theophilus marries the woman who has enticed the husbands away from home, and the married couples decide to forgive and forget. Rueben Fax was a humorous Theophilus, and was responsible for much of the merriment. He was not consistent in the character of a country simpleton in either manners or speech, but he was decidedly droll, while Ollie Redpath was capital as the adventuress, her's being the one character role of the piece that was brought to a successful issue. Isabelle Evesson was also deserving of praise, while John E. Ince made an emphatic triumph as an elderly gay boy. The cast: Theophilus Montjoy, Reuben Fax; Bijou Marie Dupont, Ollie Redpath; Tom Harvest, Albert A. Andruss; Claire Harvest, his wife, Isabelle Evesson; Jimmy Dalton, Henry Stockbridge; Dolly Dalton, his wife, Stella Kenney; Theodore Vane, John E. Ince; Electra Vane, his wife, Ada Deaves; Lucy Smith, their niece, Lottie Briscoe; Squibbs, Mr. Harvest's valet, Robert F. Cotton; Flora, Mlle. Dupont's maid. Miss C. F. Burnett; Waiter, at French ball, Harry Levian; Sinkers, office boy to Theophilus, Johnny Hughes; Laura Walters, Florence Scott; Eva De Long, Mame Morgan; Clarence Mortimer, J. W. Winters; Oscar De Vere, W. B. Ward.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—Owing to the great success, last week, of "Lohengrin" it is retained this week, and opened Monday night, Jan. 16, to the usual big audience. Frances Miller, who made her professional debut at the Wednesday matinee, 11, in the role of Elsa, and made a favorable impression, appeared in the same role and won favor. Adelaide Norwood gave great satisfaction as Ortrud. Charles Bassett made a very acceptable Lohengrin. Harold Butler sang the King. Max Eugene was the Telramund, S. B. Veron was the Herald, and Emma King, Gottfried. The performance was up to the usual excellent standard of this company, and encores and curtain calls were in order. The alternates for the current week are: Elsa, Yvonne de Treville; Lohengrin, Joseph F. Sheehan; Ortrud, Lizzie MacNichol; King, Herbert Witherspoon; Herald, E. N. Knight. George Chapman will sing the role of Telramund Wednesday evening, 18. At the Wednesday matinee, 11, Viola Pratt made her professional debut as Ortrud. Next week "The Queen's Lace Handkerchief" will be given.

KOSTER & BIAL'S.—A good sized audience gathered together Jan. 16, and gave evidences of the excellence of the bill presented. Mlle. Clara Lardinous, a chanteuse, was a new comer, and she found favor. The Hegelmanns, in their aerial bar act, were still leading features, with the Dartos, dancers, and the Allison troupe of acrobats close for second place. Ida Heath, with her transformation dances; Josephine Sabel, chanteuse; Mlle. Marzella, with her trained birds; Wm. English, comedian, and the Pantzer Brothers, head and hand balancers, all continued to win a share of approval. "An Affair of Honor" was continued. John Higgins, the jumper, whose appearance was postponed owing to his illness, is announced to appear 23.

WEBER & FIELDS' MUSIC HALL.—"Hurly Burly" began Jan. 16 its nineteenth week, and despite its long stay standing room was still a scarce commodity. A burlesque on "Catherine" will be put on 19, and in the hands of the clever merry makers at this resort it is safe to predict another success, when one considers the subject burlesqued. Cissie Loftus, who was absent several performances last week owing to a severe cold, has entirely recovered and is received with much enthusiasm at each performance. Bessie Clayton continues to be a favorite with her dances. Dave Miers holds over, and with his bag punching is still in favor. Douglass and Ford reappeared, and, as usual, with their dancing won applause.

SAM T. JACK'S THEATRE.—Continued good attendance encourages Manager Jack in the belief that he is presenting an entertainment quite suited to the desires of his patrons, and warrants him in retaining "The Harem of the Effendi" as the opening song and story section, the ladies of the stock being incidentally shown in attractive garb, and "A Hot Time In Alaska" as the opening burlesque, introducing his large force of handsome women in costumes which delight the student of anatomy. Carrie Scott seems to have become an olio fixture, as she is announced for another week, to introduce her popular specialty as the feature of a variety list which also engages the Ka Ya Dancers, Sanford and Hensel, Marie Gerard, Lizzie Bloodgood, Belmont and Weston, and a stunning intermingling of living pictures, populous in subjects and frank in silk attire of meagre detail.

BRUNELL'S THIRD AVENUE THEATRE.—Henry Chanfrau is seen here this week, opening Jan. 14, in "Kit, the Arkansas Traveler," at the head of the cast, which includes Dorothy King, Little Dorothy, George Barr, W. B. Alexander, Dan Reagan, W. P. Kitts, Richard Lyle, H. Percy Meldon, H. P. Keene, Arthur West, Emerin Campbell, Kate Woods Fiske, and Nellie Hancock. The wargraph, Dan Reagan and the Four in Hand Quartet were the interpolated acts. Next week, Cameron Clemens, in "The Paymaster."

GUS HILL'S TAMMANY TIGERS is filling an engagement in this city. The show includes: Silvera and Emerie, Carlin and O'Ark, Mlle. Fiora, Chappelle Sisters and C. W. Williams.

GEO. A. BLUMENTHAL has been compelled to abandon his proposed new theatre in Harlem owing to the withdrawal of financial backing. He will be tendered a benefit in this city shortly.

PLEASURE PALACE.—The programme offered to the patrons of this uptown house on Monday, Jan. 16, is distinguished by an abundance of comedy features. The leader in the fun making was Henry E. Dixey, who presented a new monologue, in which he appears in four widely divergent characters. It is the best sketch Mr. Dixey has yet shown the vaudeville public, and the patrons of the Palace express their approbation in an unmistakable manner. Georgia Gardner and Edgar Atchison-Ely were also prime favorites in their dainty little sketch, "A Wife's Stratagem." Harry Allister gave accurate representations of distinguished men prominent at home and abroad, his efforts producing hearty plaudits. Edwin Latell, black face musical comedian, was popular with the patrons. El Zobedie gave a decidedly clever performance of contortionism. Johnson, Davenport and Lorella provoked hearty laughter by their antics as the Football Players and the Farmer; Ziska mystified by his clever feats of legerdemain and proved the possession of considerable talent in his particular line. Fred Watson, at the piano, rendered "The Return of the Sixty-ninth" in his usual masterly manner. Other clever entertainers were: Eleanor Falk, comedienne and singer; Moreland, Thompson and Roberts, comedy trio; the Angela Sisters, in singing and whistling specialties; Ray L. Royce, character impersonator; Johnson and Dean, exponents of colored aristocracy; Laura Bennett, yodler and negro melodist; Ancion, aerialist and gymnast; Jack Horworth, in blackface singing specialty. Sunday concerts are still continued as a popular feature.

WALLACK'S.—Olga Nethersole began Jan. 16 the second week of her engagement at this house, when she presented A. W. Pinero's four act play, "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," before a large, fashionable audience. The play when first presented in this city (by another well known English actress) was scorchingly criticised by the metropolitan critics, who, while they admitted the excellence of the work as a play, condemned the theme, and both author and producer came in for a good share of this condemnation. Many, therefore, have doubted the wisdom of Miss Nethersole adding it to her repertory, but having witnessed the performance one ceases to doubt, as the title role is one well suited to this excellent actress, who invests Mrs. Tanqueray with a pleasing individuality, and makes you cease wonder at Aubrey Tanqueray's infatuation for this woman, who has been the plaything of many men and lets no opportunity pass to remind her husband of the fact. Miss Nethersole portrays the role in a much more subdued manner than her sister performer before referred to, and it is doubtful if a feeling of sympathy does not go out to the woman who ends her miserable existence by her own hand. In Miss Nethersole's Mrs. Tanqueray the varied moods of the many sided character are brought out with an art rarely seen. Still, with all this display of subtlety, her climaxes were worked up with an intense passion that was at times appalling by its vehemence. Throughout the entire performance she held her audience with an interest that can only be described as intense. That her work was fully appreciated was evidenced by the applause which was accorded her, and at the close of each act, when the curtain had to be raised time and time again in response to the plaudits with which the house rang. In the main the supporting company was weak. T. B. Thalberg gave only a fairly satisfactory performance of Aubrey Tanqueray. Fred Thorne gave a capital bit of character acting as Gordon Jayne, M.D., and Hamilton Revelle did well what little was required of him as Captain Hugh Ardale. As Ellean, Madge McIntosh did fairly well. The cast in full: Sir George Orreyd, Bart., W. Graham Browne; Captain Hugh Ardale, Hamilton Revelle; Aubrey Tanqueray, T. B. Thalberg; Cayley Drummle, A. S. Homewood; Frank Misquith, Q. C., Leonard Outram; Gordon Jayne, M. D., Fred Thorne; Morse, Charles Wellesley; Lady Orreyd, Lillian Hingston; Mrs. Cortelyou, Emmerson; Ellean, Madge McIntosh; Paula, Olga Nethersole. "Camille" is announced for next week.

HUBER'S PALACE MUSEUM.—Manager Anderson has marshalled another attractive list of curiosities and stage performers for the main hall and theatorium entertainment week of Jan. 16-21, and that the offering was potent the big crowds in attendance Monday afternoon and night abundantly proved. Fatty Langtry, known well in Golden's and other local resorts, is the leading feature in exhibition hall, comical boxing bouts being his long suit. Capt. and Mrs. Sarcho, with their deep sea diving exhibition, entered their sixth and last week with renewed success. Their act is a strong feature. Other interesting things in curio hall include Le Roy, human claw hammer; Ishmael, in Hindoo magic; Lottie, an educated orang outang, and a troupe of glass blowers. On the Stage Prof. Wallace's dissolving views, Smith and Blanchard, Bartel and Morris, the Lorraines, Waldron Bros., Douglas and Huested, Edward Adams, Mae Gray, Whelan, juggler, and Prof. Campbell.

MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Sam Scribner, with the Gay Morning Glories, began a return engagement at this house Jan. 16, the audience being large and enthusiastic. Dorothy Neville has retired from the company, and her place as principal boy in the burlesque is assumed, creditably, by Annie Smilax. The olio favorites are retained, including Wills and Barron, Grant and Grant, Madeline Franks, McCabe and Sabine, McPhee and Hill, McCloud and Melville, and Preston and Belmaine. The show is a hit from top to bottom. Next week, the Rose Hill Co.

MURRAY HILL THEATRE.—"My Friend from India" has been retained for a second week at this house, Mr. Donnelly and his company having scored a success in this lively farce. Next week, "A Social Highwayman."

MANHATTAN THEATRE.—"The Turtle" began Jan. 16 its nineteenth week and last fortnight. It will be followed, 30, by "Mlle. Fifi," an adaptation from the French by Leo Deitrichstein.

Harlem.—At the Harlem Opera House Della Fox, in "The Little Host," was the attraction booked the present week, beginning Jan. 16. But the house was in darkness, owing to the illness of Miss Fox. Manager Lichenstein expects that she will be able to appear on Tuesday evening, and tickets sold for Monday evening will be accepted. "The White Heather" played to good houses all of the past week. Next week, "On and Off."

Orpheus.—The war play entitled "Red, White and Blue" opened 16, to a packed house, despite the stormy weather, and its reception was a strong one indeed and curtain calls were numerous. That the play aroused the patriotism of the auditors was evident by their keeping their seats after the fall of the final curtain. That the company will have a good week there is no doubt. "What Happened to Jones" was well patronized during the past week. Next week, "The Evil Eye."

METROPOLIS.—"Other People's Money" came for a week's stay on 16, and opened to a good sized audience. It is several seasons since this play was last presented to a New York audience, and it has been revised and improved. Hennessy Leroyle is the star, and the performance as a whole seemed to please in every respect. The cast: Hutchinson Hopper, Lerroyle; Oliver Starbird, J. Lester Wallack; Mercenus Clump, Frank Tannehill; Painter P. T. Dean, Charles Deland; Josephus, Fred C. Esy; Willie Jones, Ed. Hoey; Milicent Hopper, Lillian Dix; Marjory Denton Hopper, Edith Fassett; Tilka Van Sittart, May Sargent. Manager Rosenthal states that business improves with each week. Next week, "Little Lord Fauntleroy."

OLYMPIC.—The American Burlesquers made its first Harlem appearance this season to a great house, and will no doubt do a record week's business, as it is seldom that a burlesque company receives such a rousing welcome. The costumes won admiration and the ladies present a fine appearance, each member doing a full share toward the evening success. "Zero" played to better business than ever before during last week. Next week, the Bohemian Burlesquers.

HURTIG & SEAMON'S MUSIC HALL.—Jermon's Black Crook Co., opening 16, was a surprise, it being necessary to turn people away, the house being packed to its utmost. That burlesque is wanted here is evident by the way the people patronize this style of show, for it is seldom that a vacant chair can be found in this place. The average business continues about the same week after week. Next week, a fine vaudeville bill is promised.

HARLEM MUSEUM.—The new faces for this week are: Mlle. Garetta's Troupe of performing cockatoos, Flynn and Sharpley, Lillie Shubert, Al. Hyde, Dillon and Garland, Grace Sisters and Ka Zanka.

Brooklyn.—There are three new productions among the bills presented here this week. One of them is "Sporting Life," which opened at the Montauk Theatre Jan. 16, when it was seen here for the first time in this borough by a large audience. It is without doubt one of the biggest stage pictures ever seen in this borough. The audience seemed to be much pleased with Mr. Hilliard, as Earl of Woodstock. Elita Proctor Otis shared the honors of the evening. Next week, Modjeska, in a repertory.

COLUMBIA.—Another novelty is seen here this week in "The Charlatan," with De Wolf Hopper in the leading role. Mr. Hopper and his company were welcomed here 16 with great cordiality by a very large audience, when the piece was seen for the first time in this borough. Mr. Hopper, as Demidoff, has a part that is admirably suited to disp ay his abilities. Nella Bergen, as the heroine, Anna, sang well. The splendid costuming, brilliant stage mounting, and comely and shapely girls appeal to popular favor. Next week, "The White Heather."

BIJOU.—Gilmore and Leonard, with their company, are here this week with the latest addition of their popular comedy, "Hogan's Alley." Many funny situations have been added since they were here last season. The stars were greeted by an audience that filled the house when they began their engagement here, 16. The company includes the names of Maxie King, Mina Shirley, Helen Buel, Ma'eline Burdette, Lillian Dean, Bessie Marley, Lillian Barton, Annie Mackie, Sherman Wade, Snyder and Buckley and Master George Mack. Next week, "Red, White and Blue."

GRAND.—The Hanlons came here 16 from the Eastern District with their up to date version of "Superba," and they were greeted by a large and appreciative audience. The tricks are new and the dialogue is fresh and spicy, and they so well work together that everything runs smoothly. The first act is entirely new and is laid out at a bathing place along the Atlantic coast. There are many characters in the cast, and the stage is nearly always full of dancing imps and elves, and the mechanical effects are as meritorious as when the piece was first seen here. The last act is a scene in India, and affords opportunity for the introduction of a number of clever specialties. Next week, Primrose & Dockstader's Minstrels.

PARK.—Miss Claxton has given up the management of this house. Three weeks of varied career has more than satisfied her cravings to run a theatre. As the result of her first—and what she now says will be her last—experience as a manager, she is out of pocket $1,500. The departure of Miss Claxton causes a change in the arrangements. Conterno and his band are here, and will give an entertainment, "Battles of Our Nation." It will be played under the auspices of local charities. A large audience was present 16.

AMPHION.—The opening night of the engagement of "The Village Postmaster" here was its one hundred and twenty-fifth performance. The event was celebrated by presenting the ladies in the audience with souvenir favors. The house was packed. Big business last week. Next week "The Master."

STAR.—The Gay Masqueraders gave a very fine entertainment here 16, when two large audiences witnessed the afternoon and evening performances. There are a number of clever people in the company, and the specialties introduced are good. The show opens with a travesty, called "McNulty and the Model," which made a hit. The vaudeville includes McCale and Daniels, Irish burlesquers; Brown and Camille, the Murphys, Budd Snyder, the Clark Sisters. One of the best liked specialties on the bill was Agie and her lions. The performance ended with an original military spectacular review, "Columbia Forever," which brought out the whole company. Next week, Australian Beauties Burlesque Co.

HYDE & BEHMAN'S.—Lottie Gilson, who has not been here in several seasons, heads the bill. Two large audiences witnessed the two performances given 16. The other people are: John Kernell, Mr. and Mrs. William Robyns, the Three Glissandos, Maude Courtney, Field and Lewis, Leo Dervalto, Harry Le Clair, Merritt and Rozella, and Benways.

GAIETY.—Manager Wilson had a crowded house night of 16, when Williams and Walker's Company of forty-five colored players began what will doubtless prove a successful week's stay. In addition to lots of good specialties, there is a chorus of twenty-five more than ordinarily pretty Creole girls. Business last week was large. The success of 'Devil's Island" a short time ago has induced manager Wilson to give the play a return engagement next week.

EMPIRE.—The scenic burlesque, Vanity Fair, is here for a week's stay. On the opening night, 16, Manager Barnes had a crowded house. Only standing room, and not even that, was obtainable after the curtain rung up. In the two burlesques, "A Winter's Carnival" and "Creme de Mentne," a more than usual number of fascinating and clever girls are seen. The olio includes: Ralph Johnson, trick bicyclist; Pauline Mayhew, female bag puncher; the Darling Sisters, in a sketch; Morrisy and Rich, comedians; Farrell and Taylor, in a musical act; Lowell and Lowell, contortionists, and Sparrow, comic juggler. Good business last week. The underline for week of 23 is the Knickerbocker Burlesquers.

UNIQUE.—Manager Car had a crowded houses night of 16. The attraction was the Fay Foster and "Zero" Companies. Shapely girls and gorgeous costumes are seen in the burlesque, "Zero." The olio: St. John and Lytton, Fish and Gregg, Meeker-Baker Trio, Lillian Jerome, and Madden and McCarthy. Business last week was big. Coming week of 23: The High Flyers Burlesque Company.

BROOKLYN MUSIC HALL.—"McDoodle's Flats," with Rice and Barton at its head, is this week's attraction. A chorus of shapely girls is one of the features. In the olio are Hattie Miller, Josie Flynn, Barton and Eckhoff, Swan and Bombard, Frankie Haines, Idylla Vyner, Elsieta, Touhey and Mack, Eddie Miles and Daisy Raymond, and the Princeton Sisters. The opening house, 16, was good. Good business last week.

LYCEUM.—The Frey Stock Company this week present "Fritz in a Madhouse," with J. K. Emmet at the head of the cast. The house was packed to the doors on the opening night, 16. There wasn't even standing room obtainable. The week will probably prove the biggest week of the season. Good business last week. The underline for week of 23 is "The Derby Winner."

NOTES.—A tumbling act, not down on the bill, took place during the performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Park Theatre Tuesday evening, Jan. 10. It happened just as Christian (F. A. Connor) was climbing to the balcony to receive a kiss as a reward of Cyrano's love making. While Cyrano stood in the shadow, watching with agony of self-sacrifice, Christian started to climb toward Roxane (Miss Asquith), who waited for him above. There was a cracking noise and the balcony

LYCEUM THEATRE.—"The Silver King" this week. Joseph Murphy next week. Ward and Vokes did quite well.

COURT STREET THEATRE.—Big sensation this week. Jermon's Black Crook next week. Merry Maidens did nicely.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—The optiscope, with views of "The Fall of Rome' and "A Trip Around the World," is the attraction for this week, with illustrated songs by Lloyd Langdon. Vaudeville performances will again be given next week. Patronage substantial.

WONDERLAND.—Myrtle Corbin, four legged girl, and Pender, mind reader, and new wax groups are seen this week in curio hall. The Harbecks, contortionists, will assist the stock in the theatre.

Troy.—At the Griswold Opera House Barney Ferguson had good houses in "Muldoon's Picnic" 9-10. S. R. O. was displayed early 11, when James K. Hackett appeared in "Rupert of Hentzau." "The Heart of Cai-sazo" drew big houses 12 14. Stuart Robson, in "The Meddler," came 16; "O Hooligan's Wedding" 17, 18, 19, "Shenandoah" 20, 21.

GAIETY THEATRE.—The High Flyers Burlesque Co. drew good houses all la t week. The Bruns and Nina Co is billed for 16 and week.

STAR THEATRE.—The White Crook Burlesquers drew well 9, 11 (a return date). The Fay Foster Co. had fairly good houses 12 14. The Knickerbockers came 16, 18. Merry Maidens 19, 21.

NOTES.—At the close of the performance at the Star Theatre, 14, Sherman Coates and Lulu Warren, of the Fay Foster Company, were married on the stage.....Sarah Ann Winters, manager of the High Flyers Burlesque Co that closed an engagement here 14, did not settle a board bill of $70 at the Everett House, and also refused to pay members of the company salaries due. Her personal effects were attached as she was about to take the train for Boston.

Rochester.—At the Lyceum Theatre the Ellis Grand Opera Co. opened the week Jan. 17 with "Romeo and Juliet," with Mme. Melba and M. Bonnard in the title roles. "Shenandoah" comes 18, for two per ormances. "On and Off" is announced for 19 and the Ellis Grand Opera Co. for 20 in "Tannhauser," Mme. Gadski and M. Kraus, taking the leading parts. Rogers Bros. and James K. Hackett played to good sized houses last week. De Wolf Hopper comes 23 28.

NEW BAKER THEATRE.—Ward and Vokes in "The Governors" began the week 16 playing for three nights, to be followed by "The Geisha" and "The Circus Girl" for the last three nights of the week. Last week H-nry D. Lee, in "Cyrano de Bergerac," played to good business. "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Milk White Flag" divide week of 23.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.—The following attractions are announced on the programme for the current week: Pete Baker, Sidney Wilmer and Walter Vincent, Hanley and Jarvis, Bingham De Hollis and Valora, Kittie Bingham, and the last week this season of the American biograph.

Syracuse.—At Wieting Opera House "Rupert of Hentzau," to large attendance, 12. "By the Sad Sea Waves" drew well 13. Due: "Cyrano de Bergerac" 17, 18, Al Martin's "U. T. O." 21, Ellis Grand Opera Co. 21.

EASTABLE THEATRE.—"The Lady of Lyons" was presented by the stock to S. R. O. "Lady Windemere's Fan" is the bill for the current week.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—"Remember the Maine" and Webb's Parisian Widows divided the week in order named, to large attendance. Manager Graff announces that hereafter he will run this theatre as a vaudeville house. The people for the current week are: La Fayette, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Sidman Zelma Rawlson Geo. W. Gay, Cheridan Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Meville, Davenport Bros., Julia Lee, and Hooker and Davis.

Poughkeepsie.—Joseph Green and a capable repertory company held the boards at the Collingwood Opera House during the past week, and were greeted by large audiences daily. Among the plays presented were "Held by the Enemy," "Condemned to Siberia," "A Prisoner for Life," "A Man of the People" with repetitions for the matinees, and the way in which they were produced by Mr. Green on this his initial stellar appearance in our city, insures him recognition on a return engagement. Specialties by Kenny and Mimcock, Pete Griffin, the Saville Sisters, Frank Whittier and Maud Wentlock were introduced at every performance, and pleased. Coming: "O'Hooligan's Wedding," Jan. 21; DellaFox, in "The Little Hobo," 23.

Geneva.—At the Smith Opera House "By the Sad Sea Waves," Jan. 12, came to a large and appreciative audience. The Herrmanns had good business 5. Bruns and Nina Vandeville came 2 to light business. Booked: Martin's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Co. 17, "Remember the Maine" 21, "The Geisha" 24.

AT TYLER'S ANNEX THEATRE the people are: Kent and French, the Two Midgleys and Lilly Clifton.

Binghamton.—At the Stone Opera House Brothers Byrne, in "Going to the Races," drew fair business Jan. 9; the Spooners, Edna and May, in repertory 16-21.

BIJOU THEATRE.—Gorman Bros., in Mr. Beane from Boston" pleased good sized audiences 9-11; Barney Ferguson, in "Muldoon's Picnic," comes 16 18; "The White Slave" 19-21.

Newburg.—At the Academy of Music Al G. Field's Minstrels is billed for Jan. 19, at reduced prices. Otherwise the house will be dark all of this week as it was all of last excepting 14 when "That Man" had its presentation. The attendance was unusually large. The Spooners—Edna May, and Cecil—are underlined for week of 23-28. Modjeska follows 30. The play she will appear in, to be announced later on, is to be decided by the popular vote of our amusement patrons.....Columbus Hall is occupied this week by the Walkill Valley Pet Stock Association's Exhibition, with an entry list of dogs, cats and other household pets.

Utica.—At the Opera House "A Reign of Error," Jan. 9, gave splendid satisfaction to a good house; "Remember the Maine," 14 pleased a top heavy house. Coming: "Cyrano de Bergerac" 16, "Shenandoah" 17, Stuart Robson in "The Meddler," 18.

Middletown.—At the Casino Agnes Wallace Villa, in "The World Against Her," did good business Jan. 7. "O'Hooligan's Wedding" drew a fair house 14. Al. G. Field's Minstrels is due 18, Tommy Shearer Repertory Co. 30 and week.

TEXAS.

Houston.—At Sweeney and Coombs' Opera House "The Heart of Maryland" closed Jan. 5, with two big houses. McLean, Tyler and Hanford, 6, 7, in "The Merchant of Venice," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Julius Cæsar" had good business. "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" despite mud, rain and other drawbacks, 10, filled the house. "My Friend from India," after many cancellations, materialized 12, and was received with an uproarious welcome from a house crowded to the doors. Andrews Opera Co., 12, 13, in "Martha," "The Bohemian Girl" and "The Mikado," had three good houses. Due: "Miss Francis of Yale" 17, Marie Wainwright 18, "After the War" 21.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—Manager Geo. C. Dennis is leaving no stone unturned to make this house the leading vaudeville resort of the city, and his efforts are being crowned with success. Business under his management has been phenomenal, and week of 9 continued as big as ever. The Pickerts, Willis, Grace, Lillian and Baby Blanche are the magnets for this week. The rest of the people are Chris. Meyer, Cleo Gilmore, Dollie Wilson, Viola Mason, James Wolfe, Lillie Ellsworth, McNeal Sisters, M Samayoa, Mme. Alfretta, Joe Crotty, Jake Coy, Jno. R Scanlon and Victor Bennet.

PALACE THEATRE.—Business fair. "Town Lots" headed a very attractive bill week of 9. The people: Charles Colburn, Jessie Woods Tom Kelly, John St. Leon, James McCusick, Adolph Gonzales, Leonie Mendel, Faedora, Frank Baldwin, Neta Clinton, Robison Sisters, George Voss, Lennie Green, Charles G. Knight and Cordier.

HENRY GREENWALL, manager of the opera house here, was in the city, 11, on business.....Henry B Gentry and wife left 11, on a trip to Indianapols, Ind., for pleasure and business.

Fort Worth.—At Greenwall's Opera House "Miss Francis of Yale" met with rather poor business, due almost entirely to extremely unfavorable weather conditions. The show was a good one. "The Heart of Maryland" came Jan. 11, 12, drawing good houses and making a pronounced hit. On the way: Hanford Tyler-McLean 13, 14 "Under the Red Robe" 25.

NEW MARKET THEATRE.—The crowds continue heavy. McGrevy and Swor head the following bill: Si Holt, May Cody, Ethel Lucile, Cora Johnston, Louis Fox, Zola Vera and John F. Burns.

STANDARD.—Business is excellent. Starkey and Picard are the features. Rest of people: Mlle. Tehi, Bert Swor, Ada Yule, Lulu Lawton, Minnie Link, Barrett Bros., Minnie Marion, Maud Martelle and Frank Gibbons.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.—Business is fair. The Durand Family continue the feature of the bill. Rest of people: Claude Padin, Sam Copeland, Nora Stanley, Audie Stanley, the Daily Family, Bob, Mary and Estella, and Willie.

VIC. JOSSELBERG AND THOS CORNWALL, scenic artists at Greenwall's Opera House, have just finished painting some handsome scenery for that house.

Galveston.—At the Grand Opera House R. D. MacLean, Odette Tyler and Chas. B. Hanford, at advanced prices, presented "Romeo and Juliet," "Julius Cæsar" and "The Merchant of Venice," to small houses, Jan. 4, 5. "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" pleased good sized audiences 6, 7. "My Friend from India" delighted well filled houses 8, 9.

NIEMEYER'S MASCOT THEATRE.—Week of 9 business was immense. The people: Ethel Forrest, Mel Reilly, Josie Miles, Louise Allen, Bragg and Ashton, Pearl Winans, Billy Armstrong and James O'Neill, in their sketch, "Fun in a Club;" Grace Howard, Rose B Mitchell and the Chicks Family. The stock presented a one act comedy, entitled "Mishaps."

BANK EXCHANGE THEATRE.—Last week the Larose Brothers scored an instantaneous success. Clara Lawrence, Pete Kimo, Lillie McKee, Geo. Spence, Minnie Sarzalla, Joe Fox, Maude Harris, Eva Langdon, Carroll and Carroll, Pete Kimo's extravaganza, "The Air Ship," was favorable received. Business continues big.

Austin.—At Hancock's Opera House Beach & Bowers' Minstrels drew a good crowd Dec 21. "A Stranger in New York" held forth Jan 4. The sale of seats heavy. "A Breezy Time," bad weather prevailing had a poor house. "The Heart of Maryland" drew a good house 9. Alma Kruger, as Maryland Calvert, acted her part very forcibly.

San Antonio.—At the Grand, Jan. 11, 12, Smythe & Rice's "My Friend from India," R. D McLean, Odette Tyler, Chas. B. Hanford, 13, 14, "Miss Francis of Yale" 15, 16, Marie Wainwright 21, 22, Klimpt Heerme Co. 23-25, "The Prisoner of Zenda" 26, 27.

Vaudeville & Minstrel

BRIEFS FROM THE MAY HOWARD CO.—We opened at Sam T Jack's Opera House, Chicago Ill., New Year's Day, for a two weeks' stay, and played to the banner two weeks' business since Mr. Jack's management. In fact, we have been doing big business all over. Harry Morris, Miss Howard's husband, visited us last week to help John Raynor "count up," having just returned from West Baden Springs. Mr. Morris joined his company at St. Louis, Jan. 15. Lorenzo and Allen joined us at Chicago for the rest of the season. John J. Raynor, manager of the company, received an increase of salary for his New Year's gift from Miss Howard.

JAMES F. MCNALLY a Boston journalist, and brother of the well known John J. McNally, author of "Widow Jones," "Reign of Error," and other comedies, has developed into a promising writer in the line of farce-comedy and humorous sketch writing. He bids fair to become a worthy successor to his brother's well earned fame. His latest achievement is a farce written for John Graham's Southern Specialty Company, produced at Brockton, Mass., Jan. 16, which met with success.

VIOLET DALE, singing and dancing soubrette opens Jan. 23, for a six weeks' engagement, at the Olympia, San Francisco Cal.

HAZEL REYNOLDS and Lillian Williams played the Gaiety Theatre, Haverhill Mass. last week.

CRANE BROS were CLIPPER callers Jan. 17, and report that they have severed their connection with Ernest Roeber. They will open in New York next week.

MONTAGUE AND WEST have joined Joe Ott's "Looking for Trouble" Co.

KRAUSE AND ROSA and their Dutch pickaninnies opened successfully last week at the Orpheum, San Francisco, Cal., and the act has made a hit.

DEETS AND DON are playing the Columbia Theatre, St. Louis, Mo., this week, and will shortly commence work on the Orpheum circuit.

SHERMAN COATES AND LULU WARREN, both of the Fay Foster Co., were married Jan. 14, on the stage of the Star Theatre, Troy, N. Y., after the evening performances.

BERNARD DYLLYN has returned to New York.

CONN FREDERICKS' TRIO, demon equilibrists, will open on the Keith circuit, and a return engagement at Koster & Bial's Music Hall, this city, to follow.

KILROY AND BRITTON presented their new act, "The New Typewriter," at Tony Pastor's, this city, last week, and not at Proctor's, as stated in the previous issue.

BOB SCHUYLER is still sick at Newburg N. Y., his condition being unimproved.

BURTO played Bradenburgh's Philadelphia, Pa., last week, and three club Sunday night. This week he is at Docktader's, Wilmington, Del., and Pastor's week of Jan 30.

PHIL RAND has left the California Trio, his place having been filled by Mr. Marvel, late of the Marvels.

THE FOUR ALLENS have been re-engaged at the Fredericksburg Music Hall, Portland, Ore.

MAY VINCENT is playing the Howard Athenæum, Boston, this week, with Providence and Worcester to follow.

MAGISTRATE WENTWORTH, on Jan. 16, in Jefferson Market Court, discharged Jeanette Perle and her associate, who were on trial under the charge of "offending public decency" in the duel scene of "An Affair of Honor," at Koster & Bial's Music Hall.

ILLINOIS.

Chicago.—But one novelty is offered this week "A Colonial Girl," at Powers', with E. H. Sothern in the leading role. At all the other houses there are holdovers or attractions which are not strictly within this class. The playgoers have been quite liberal in their patronage, and, generally speaking, all is as merry as a marriage bell.

POWERS'.—Sothern's name alone is usually sufficient to keep this house filled and his performance of "The King's Musketeer" has been worthy of the throngs which have attended constantly during the past three weeks. The last week is devoted to "A Colonial Girl," one of the products of the current season, by Grace Livingston Furniss and Abby Sage Richardson. The German Sunday drama is "Die Waise aus Lowood" ("Jane Eyre"). Next week Sol Smith Russell comes in his new comedy, by Charles Klein, "Hon. John Grigsby."

MCVICKER'S.—"Brown's in Town" appealed last week, for the first time in Chicago, after about a month of preparation on tour. It's a go. Anna Belmont, Kathryn Osterman and J. O. Barrows carry the burden of the fun making, but all of the others contribute in no small degree. Edward Aoeles, John Lancaster, Edward Poland, Andrew Lee and Josie Sadler handle their roles satisfactorily, and Bella Alvin is a prize. Her portrayal of the colored cook and her singing of coon songs was one of the hits of the performance. The house has been packed every night. The piece remains another week, to be supplanted by "Going to the Races."

COLUMBIA.—"The Fortune Teller" is unanimously voted one of the best operas heard in Chicago in years, and Alice Nielsen's star continues in the ascendency. Crowded houses testify to the public's appreciation. Eugene Cowles is all right in his way, and Joe Cawthorn, Richard Golden and Joseph Herbert, are certainly strong in comedy. Frank Rushworth, Marguerite Sylva and the rest do capable work. They could last much more than a fortnight but that is all for which it is booked. James K. Hackett, in "Rupert of Hentzau," is next.

GRAND.—"Way Down East" did a good first week's business, in spite of the strong competition of the good shows at the other houses. This is the second week.

GREAT NORTHERN.—If the business keeps up the way it has for the first fortnight, under the magic touch of E. D. Stair, success is assured. Waverly's minstrels, following out ancient and accepted methods, filled the theatre regularly. "McFadden's Row of Flats" is on for a week, and then comes "Peaceful Valley." With the current show are Joe J. Sullivan, Harry Crandall, Estelle Wellington, Allen and George, and the Noss Family.

DEARBORN.—Crowded houses rule. "Friends" is succeeded as the drama by "A Gold Mine." The vaudeville is by Frank Cushman, Alma Doerge, and Cook and Clinton.

HOPKINS'.—Seats were lacking for late comers every night last week. "Camille" being the drawing card. Now the drama is "The False Friend," with the biograph, and vaudeville by Kara Kendall, the Silvers, Ramsey Sisters and Baby Lewis.

ALHAMBRA.—Thomas E. Shea is here for a week, opening with "The Man-o'-War's Man," and giving two performances of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." "A Grip of Steel" did a fair business. Next week, "John Martin's Secret."

ACADEMY.—"John Martin's Secret" is the attraction for the week. Sheridan Block and P. Augustus Anderson appearing in the cast. Clifford and Huth, in "A High Born Lady," gave a good performance and drew first class houses. Thomas E. Shea comes over next week.

ADELPHI.—Succeeding "The Late Mr. Early," which did well, is "On Land and Sea." Isham's Octoroons is next.

BIJOU.—"A Wheel of Fortune," presented by Grace Beebe, W. J. Sully, Mattie Keene and others, follows "The Electrician," which did well.

COURT.—"Garry Owen," brought out by Tony Farrell, is now on. John Dvorak did quite well with "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE.—Packed every night. The current bill is made up of the Nelson Family, Le Roy and Clayton, Hilda Thomas and Frank Barry, Lew Hawkins, Hall and Staley, Wilson Family, George Austin, Wilson and Halpin, Mlle. Turnour, cinematographs, Leamer Sisters, Edmund Standish, Carter and Ross, Morris and Daley, Cicero Reed and Clark and Emerson.

OLYMPIC.—The bill for the week includes Al. Leach and his Four Rosebuds, Lizzie B. Raymond, Hines and Remington, Topack and Steele, Maud Rockwell, Brilliant Comedy Four, Griffin and Griffith, Slackey and Dell, Mons. Carlosa, the Jacksons, Johnny Williams, Clifford and O'Dell, Zimmer, the clown; Seamon Children, Smith and Vanetta, and Minnie Carter.

HAYMARKET.—Here is the list which is down to bring in business this week: The Four Cohans, Waterbury Bros. and Tenny, Elinore Sisters, Jones, Grant and Jones, Clarise Vance, Three Polos, Emmons Emerson, Emmons; Webb and Hasson, Signor Delphone, Hennige Trio, Cereta Barton, Ford and Daverne, Harry Fitzgerald, Galvin and O'Neill, May Ellsworth, and the Kingsley Brothers.

SAM T. JACK'S.—The house continues to thrive, as do the good shows which play here. May Howard's Co. gives way to Weber's Dainty Duchess Co.

CLARK STREET MUSEUM.—The Askenas triplets, age four months, total weight nine pounds, and all alive, alive, alive, are the principal feature. Houdini, who slips out of handcuffs, is another.

WHITE'S LONDON MUSEUM.—The following are at this house: Lala Cools, Le Blanch's snake, Prof. Roach, musician, and the usual specialty show.

GOSSIP.—It is encouraging to the general theatrical situation in Chicago to see the Great Northern Theatre at last in the hands of a man with money and brains enough to make it successful. It is E. D. Stair's policy to play as high class shows as can make money at 25 to 75 cents, although the bookings this season are made hurriedly, of necessity, and late. With fourteen houses in which to offer time, Mr. Stair is in a better position to make the house successful than any previous managers, even though all are not popular priced houses.....Jacob Litt is planning to star Otis Skinner in "Rosemary."....Edith Crane has gone East for a week's rest, while the Sothern Company is playing "A Colonial Girl."....The cycloramas, "Battle of Manila," is still running.....The concert of Brooke's band at the Grand last Sunday closed the series. There will be no more until Mr. Brooke returns from the East.....The suit of Samuel Eberley Gross, of Town Lot and "Merchant Prince of Cornville" fame against Richard Mansfield, Edmond Rostand, et al., has subsided, temporarily at least. John Maxwell's suit against Nat Goodwin comes up in the United States Court this week. Maxwell is a local newspaper man, who claims Henry Guy Carleton plagiarized "Ambition," which Nat C Goodwin acted, and the suit has been pending some time.....Harry Moore has joined Bobby Gaylor's "McSorley's Twins" company, to play with Bobby. Bessie Palmer is also a member of the company.

Peoria.—At the Grand Opera House, Jan. 1, "The Sunshine of Paradise Alley" had a large and well pleased audience. "Why Smith Left Home" 2 had two of the largest audiences of the season, who were delighted with the farce. Dorothy Usner, a Peoria girl, was accorded a warm reception, and was the recipient of several floral tributes. "Natural Gas," A. had fair attendance. "A Texas Steer" had fair attendance 6. "Sowing the Wind," 7, matinee and night, had good attendance. "Parsons Topics" 8 had large attendance. "McFadden's Flats" 12 had light attendance. "Chattanooga" 13, 14 with matinee, had light attendance. Coming: John L. Sullivan 5 "1492" 17, Lewis Morrison 18, "A Hired Girl" 20 "Money to Burn" 21, Leland T. Powers 24, "In Old Kentucky" 26, Sons of Ham (local) 27, Fadette's Women's Orchestra 28.

AUDITORIUM.—A. R. Waterman, manager. "Garry Owen" played to good houses 5-7, and was well received. "Cuba's Vow" gave the best of satisfaction 8-11, and the house was well filled each night. Chas. A. Gardner did a good business and made a fine impression 13-15. The matinee Saturday afternoon was well attended. Coming: Alden Benedict's "Fabio Romani" 16-21, Manager A. R. Waterman makes a special effort to please the patrons of his house, and his motto seems to be, "Please the people with plays that please."

WEAST THEATRE.—This theatre continues to have large business, and the bills give great satisfaction. The nominal charge for admission has proved a winner.

AFTER THE evening performance of "Why Smith Left Home," Jan. 2, Dorothy Usner banqueted the members of the company at the National Hotel her father acting as master of ceremonies..... At the same place and time Manager Harrington, of the Grand, banqueted the employes of his theatre.....Wallace Monro was in the city 12.

Decatur.—At the Powers Grand "The Bride Elect" came Jan. 9, to a packed house. "The Gay Matinee Girl," 14, and the Two Macks 16 both had rain and fog to contend with and suffered accordingly. Coming: "A Hired Girl" 17, "A Texas Steer" 19, "In Old Kentucky" 24. Robt. G. Ingersoll 26.

Bloomington.—At the Grand Opera House "A Gay Matinee Girl" did well Jan. 9. "Money to Burn" had a poor house 12. Bookings: "A Texas Steer" 17, "The Hired Girl" 18, "1492" 20, the Carreno Concert Co. 23.....The Coliseum opens with its first theatrical attraction Jan. 16, with "Chattanooga" on the boards.

INDIANA.

Indianapolis.—At English's Opera House "The Strange Adventures of Jack and the Beanstalk," Jan. 9-11, opened to a big house; business was rather topheavy during the remainder of the engagement. The show is well staged, with beautiful scenery, and the electrical effects were the finest ever seen here. The chorus is well drilled and affect some fresh and beautiful costumes. The Lilliputians in "The Golden Horseshoe," 13, 14 and matinee, opened to a moderate sized house. A heavy rain prevailed, which no doubt interfered with the attendance materially. There were several box parties of children at the Saturday matinee, who seemed to enjoy the performance very much. Bookings: In Old Kentucky" 17, 18. Clay Clement, in "A Southern Gentleman" and "The New Dominion," 20, 21; Richard Mansfield, in "Cyrano de Bergerac," 23; "The Sign of the Cross" 25-28. Robert G. Ingersoll 29.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The Grand Stock Co. produced "The Banker's Daughter" in the elaborate style which has characterized all former productions by this company, to S. R. O. business during the latter part of the week, and business was very good the first half but at the matinees on Wednesday and Saturday, with the orchestra under the stage, all the available room was sold and people turned away. "Friends" will be put on 16-21, when Howell Hansel, the new leading man, will make his first appearance.

PARK THEATRE.—"A Cheerful Idiot" 9-11, failed to make good and a light business was the result. "John Martin's Secret" was well put on, with special scenery, and did a big business. May Howard's Extravaganza Co. 16-18; The Rays in "A Hot Old Time," 19-21; "A Texas Steer" 23-25. Oliver Doud Byron 26-28.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—Fred Rider's Night Owls, 9-11, did a very big business. The performance commences with a burlesque, entitled "A Pack of Cards," which brings out the full strength of the company, and is well done and was liberally applauded. The feature of the olio was the Three Rio Brothers, in an athletic turn which is a decided novelty being entirely different from anything in athletics seen here before, and made a decided hit. Yale and St. Clair were also recalled four and five times at every performance. Lew H. Carrosl, Falke and Lillian, and Kelly and Adams were applauded. The show concludes with a burlesque, entitled "A High Old Time," which was well put on, with special scenery. Bowery Burlesquers 16-18. Majestic Burlesquers 21-28.

THE PASSING SHOW.—Joseph H. Gavin, manager of English's Opera House, who has been identified with the theatrical business here in different capacities for the past thirteen years resigned 9, and will rest for a short time. Mr. Gavin was succeeded by Ad. F. Miller, who was manager of the Great Southern Theatre, of Columbus, O., which is operated by the Valentine Co., who also operate English's Opera House.....L. M. Boda general manager of the Valentine Co. which operates English's Opera House, was here 9. George H. Ketchem president of the same company, was here 11, looking after the interests of the company.....Henry M. Talbott, manager of the Grand Opera House, is on a business trip to New York.....J. J. Collins came in advance of Clay Clement 14.....Eleanor Vanderdonk (Mrs. Walter N. Cook) of "Two Little Vagrants" Co., who was married here Dec 31, is ill at St. Vincent's Hospital here.....James H. Eden, property man for Tim Murphy's Co., whose home is in this city is reported seriously ill with typhoid fever in the hospital at Lincoln, Ill.....Frederick Paulding, leading man, who joined the Grand Stock Co. 9 will return to the Miller Stock Co. at Milwaukee, Wis., 14, and will be succeeded by Howell Hansel, who will open as John Paden Jr., in the production of "Friends" 16.....Beginning 13 Mondays will be sound reels at the Grand Opera House, photographs of the members of the Grand Stock Co. will be given to patrons.

Marion.—"The Late Mr. Early," headed by Sharp and Flatt came to the Grand Jan. 7, and brought out a house full of people. The play is a clever farce, interspersed with many bright specialties, and interest does not lag for an instant. The musical turn of Sharp and Flatt was one of the best things on the programme, and was heartily encored. Apollo, the slack wire performer, gave much the best performance ever seen here. The specialties of Rose Sutherland and Mabel Hite were also very clever. Katie Rooney and her excellent company presented "The Girl from Ireland" 9, and filled every seat in the house. Miss Rooney took the title role, and did most effective work. Libbie Kirke, as Bridget McGann drew a realistic picture of the loquacious Irish maid, and contributed much to the success of the play. The Fauvette Sisters gave a good specialty, and were twice recalled. "Dot, the Miner's Daughter," was given by local talent 10, before an enthusiastic audience, which crowded the house. Blaney's "A Boy Wanted," booked for 11, canceled. An assemblage which packed the house from pit to dome waded through a heavy rain 13, to hear the Fadette Lady Orchestra and was rewarded with one of the best concerts to which a Marion audience ever listened. The programme was well selected. The solo work of Miss Chandler, violinist, took the house by storm, and she was compelled to answer three encores. Mabel Waite, soprano, has a rich, clear voice, which she handled seemingly without effort, and the audience were loth to let her go. When the last number on the programme had been rendered they refused to depart until two additional numbers were given. Fred Rider's New Night Owls are underlined for 14, with matinee; "Natural Gas" 15, "At Gay Coney Island" 18, "In Old Kentucky" 21 and matinee.

NOTES.—A. L. Munger, of Dayton, O., has purchased the Opera House property at Richmond, recently damaged by fire.....The members of the Elk Lodge at Elwood are making great preparations for their annual minstrel show, which will be given Feb. 15.....The new Grand Opera House at Freeport, Ill., was opened Jan. 4 by "Sowing the Wind."....In honor of Manager E. L. Kinneman, the attaches of the Grand, Messrs. Wallace, Lennox, Cox, Gargus, Fowler, Beshore and Adney, gave their annual banquet 12. Plates were laid for twenty-five and every seat was filled. The dinner was an elaborate affair of seven courses, after which punch and cigars were served. A toast was responded to by every one at the table. A number of city officials and members of the local press were present. The event was one that will be long remembered by all present. The visitors rendered a vote of thanks to the boys.

Frankfort.—The last week's bill at the Columbia was furnished by the Parisian Pleasure Party. The stand was for two nights, 11, 12, and the Columbia was packed to the doors both nights with delighted audiences. The company includes the Oakland Theatre Stock Company, the Karuffy Coryphees and Georgia Jubilee Singers, forming an unusually strong chorus of thirty voices. Prominent among the vaudeville contingent, and in addition to the above, may be mentioned the Edison vitiscope, the Newsboy Quartet, the Gotham Quartet, illustrated songs and high class singing and dancing and singing specialties. A colossal street parade was given at noon each day, which engaged the services of over fifty people and three bands—Ladies' Military Band, Red Huzzar Solo Band and the Oriental Pinafore Band. It was a great feast for Frankfort people, and a return date was secured for early in February. Bookings: "A Night at the Circus" 16, Boston Ladies' Symphony Orchestra 19, Clarke-Haselton Co. 23-28.

Fort Wayne.—At the Temple Theatre "Natural Gas" came Jan. 14, to a good audience. Booked: "Sharp and Flatt" 16, "The Air Ship" 18, "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" 20.....Eliakin Stowe, the venerable circus man, died at the home of his son in law, F. J. Reineke, in this city 14, aged seventy-nine years. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1830, and, with his brother John, started Stowe Brothers' Circus in 1850. The circus was later known as Stowe & Fisher's, touring Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Pennsylvania, and discontinued in 1873. Mr. Stowe, known to the old timers as "Uncle Ike," was the father of James Stowe, the once famous leaper, now at Columbus, O. Funeral will take place at Fort Wayne, where he has resided in retirement the past twelve years.

TENNESSEE.

Memphis.—At the Grand Opera House the Lilliputians, Jan 9 failed to meet expectations, but had a good sized audience. The Kelcey-Shannon Co., 5-7, did some excellent work, and had a successful engagement. The house remained dark 10-12. Due: Creston Clarke 16-18, "The Heart of Maryland" 19-21, the Bostonians 23, 25. The house will be dark 23, 24, 27, 28.

NEW LYCEUM THEATRE.—"Young Mrs. Winthrop," week of 9, drew well, notwithstanding exceedingly inclement weather. Evening of 11 (souvenir night) the house was packed. Mary Norman, Billy Van, Leon Sisters, Wilson and Halpin were the vaudeville attractions, and were strong cards. Bill for week of 16, "Esmeralda" and the following vaudeville: Lydia Barry, George Felix, Mildred Meredith, and Felix De Marco's riding baboon.

AUDITORIUM.—"The Real Widow Brown" came 9, and had bad weather to contend with. Business was moderate. Coming: "Passion Play" pictures 16-21, Imperial Minstrels 23, 24, "The Lost Paradise" 26-28.

Nashville.—At the Theatre Vendome the Lilliputians, Jan. 10, 11, had good business. "The Bride Elect" gave one performance 12, at advanced prices, to a packed house. The Herrmanns are to come 20, 21, Creston Clarke 23, 24.

GRAND.—Packed houses were the rule for the week and "The Silver King" was well rendered by the local company. The specialties were Powers and Hyde and Baby Land. "Alabama" is in preparation for next week.

Miscellaneous.

NOTES FROM SHAFFER AND CARROLL'S GREATEST Uptown Street Show on Earth, under the management of Dock Leon.—This is our second week in Dallas Tex., with big business day and night. The show has been on the road about five months. We have been traveling over land with six head of the finest gray horses ever touring Western country. This will be our last season overland. Good business will prepare for us an easier way to get to the people. It is probable that we will place this show with some of the leading circuses for the uptown show. We close our two weeks' stay here Jan. 14 open in Waxahata 16 for one week. Will be in Texas until spring playing the largest towns and cities. Shaffer and Carroll, proprietors; Maudie Shaffer and Lottie Ollie Hollister, flying ladies; Dock Leon, manager. We get THE CLIPPER regularly.

MILDRED NORTHLEY CO. NOTES.—We re-open for the Spring season Jan. 19 at the Paterson, N. J., Opera House. Roster: Mlle. Rosina Venus, Four Bros., Vanola, the Wards, Chas. and Cora Ray, A. H. Redden, Master Samri, Prof. Alden and the wargraph, Mildred and Rouclere and Miss Corrine, in mind reading and illusions. The company is directed by Harry Rouclere with Eugene Winship in advance.

"BUCK" TAYLOR has retired from the Wild West business and is in charge at a stock farm in Montgomery County, Pa.

LAWRENCE PROSSER was the recipient of an elk tooth that had been in the possession of a Sioux Indian for the past eighteen years. W. R. Wilson, a brother Elk, made the presentation.

L. GOLDSMITH JR. is constructing special wardrobe trunks for the "Three Dragoons" Co.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWS.—Notes from the Frank Ellsworth Remedy Co.: We have, despite the severe weather, passed through the Xmas and New Year's weeks successfully. We have put aside our big tent, "Old Glory," and are in the opera houses. We get the people, and that is what we are out for. Proprietor Ellsworth presented every member of the company with a present, and our Xmas dinner was a banquet fit for the gods, and everyone was correspondingly happy. Several members of the company have suffered with attacks of *la grippe*, but have successfully weathered it through, and now all members of the company are once more enjoying good health. Manager Stanley, Mr. Ellsworth's assistant was presented with a baby girl by his wife Dec 17, and mother and baby are doing finely. We have added a moving picture machine to our attractions, and Eddie Nelson, acrobat, and Roy Fo'tune wire walker have joined, and our company is now complete in every detail. We will play nothing but the larger cities in future. Proprietor Ellsworth and Manager Stanley were both initiated into the mysteries of the Knights of the Maccabies at our last stand and are now full-fledged "Sir Knights." Mr. Ellsworth contemplates launching another company in the Spring, which will be handled by Manager Stanley, representing Mr. Ellsworth. Our CLIPPERS reach us regularly, and we sincerely trust the circulation of the OLD RELIABLE will ever increase and prosperity attend its every effort.

CANADA.

Montreal.—In spite of the inclement weather, business was universally good at the show shops last week.

ACADEMY.—The Jefferson Comedy Co. put on "Rip Van Winkle" in a correct and very favorable way, Jan. 9-14, to encouraging houses. Thos. Jefferson's portrayal of Rip follows closely his father's characterization and he won much praise for his efforts. The support was largely distributed among the Jefferson connection and, although capable on the whole, was in some respects deficient. "The Telephone Girl" comes 16 for week, with "Yankee Doodle Dandy" for week 23.

QUEEN'S.—Isham's Octoroons with a long list of coon songs and specialties was here week of 9, and pulled out fair receipts. "The Girl from Chili" week of 16 with "Hogan's Alley" following.

FRANCAIS.—The houses increased nightly here week 9, the stock being cast for "Lend Me Your Wife." The company is not particularly well suited to comedy. Harry Rich had an opportunity for distinguishing himself as Captain Tarbox. The vaudeville included some really clever imitations by O. W. Littlefield, with the Angelo Sisters, and W. H. McPherson as the other items of the bill. A revival of "Captain Swift" will be the offering for week 16.

ROYAL.—The burlesque served up by Rice and Barton last week were certainly not up to what they have hitherto given here, but the olio embraced many good turns. The Bohem an Burlesquers 16.

SOHMER PARK.—Helen Jackson, Douglas and Maud Lee Ingham, Irene Powers Wood and Maud J. Downs, P. Lewis and the Degraus were seen here Sunday, 15.

Toronto.—At the Grand Opera House, Jan. 9-11, "By the Sad Sea Waves" put up a good show, to a light business. "The Telephone Girl" opened up to a very large business 12-14. "The Circus Girl" is due 16-18, the Jefferson Comedy Co. 19-21.

TORONTO OPERA HOUSE.—"The Girl from Chili," with Corinne in specialties did a big business 9-14. "The Tarrytown Widow" week of 16.

PRINCESS THEATRE.—The Cummings Stock Co., in "Incog." to a big business last week. Week of 16, "My Partner."

BIJOU.—This resort did a fair business last week with Alvino, John Kurkamp, Geo. H. Adams' Troupe, Frank Weston, Charles E. Grapewin, Johnson and Cessil, Baron Brummel and Gertrude Kimberly.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—This house is holding its own. For week of 9 the bill includes: The Schaefers Sisters, Millar, Bryan and Norman, Jas. B. Mack and Laurabel Mara, Monsieur Cadieux, Colton and Darrow, and Casey, the piper.

MASSEY MUSIC HALL.—Madame M. Sembrich, assisted by Sig. Campanari, M. Saligmac and Ruth Hayman 19.

Hamilton.—At the Grand, owing to a heavy rain, "The Circus Girl" did not draw as large audiences Jan. 13, 14, as the company deserved. "Human Hearts" comes 19. Jos. Jefferson Co. 26. "A Boy Wanted" 28. Maude Adams, in "A Little Minister," is booked for Feb. 6.

STAR THEATRE.—The management have booked "The Darktown Swells" for one week, commencing 16.

W. STAIR, manager of the Grand, has assumed the management of Kelly and Mason, in "Who is Who," on their road tour. Mrs. Stair has taken charge of the Opera House here, and has as her assistant Charlie Leitch, formerly treasurer of the Grand Opera House at Toronto.

Winnipeg.—At the Winnipeg Theatre Black Patti's Troubadours proved another S. R. O. attraction Jan. 6 7.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia.—The theatres continued to prosper last week, the audiences attending the performances of the various attractions in the city being uniformly of a large size. Two offerings new to local theatregoers are on the list this week, and the attractions otherwise are of a kind to satisfy a great variety of tastes. The early beginning of Lent, Feb. 15, will soon put the theatres to some disadvantage.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—This week the occurrences at this house are the third concert of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Wilhelm Gericke, on Monday night, and three concerts by Sousa and his band on Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon and night. The season of grand opera, under the direction of Chas. A. Ellis, came to an end last week. "Tristan und Isolde" was again shelved, owing to the continued illness of Ternina, and "Lohengrin," with the same cast as formerly, was substituted on Wednesday evening. "La Boheme" was repeated on Monday evening, with distinguished success, and on Saturday afternoon "Aida" was given for the second time, Mmes. Gadski and Olitzka distinguishing themselves in the performance. Kraus did not sing Radames, the role being taken by Ceppi, of the Metropolitan forces. It was at first intended to give a hodge-podge of selections from the various operas on Friday evening, but better counsels prevailed and a delightful performance of "Lucia" was given by Mmes. Melba, Van Cauteran, MM. Pandolfini, De Vries, Raines, Del Sol and Van Hoose, with M. Seppilli conducting. The season may be considered an artistic success on the whole, though the only really notable occurrence was the splendid performance of "La Boheme;" and the havoc played with the forces by illness entitles them to some consideration. In regard to the financial side the season appears to have been successful, though no exact data is at hand, and it is not likely that the guarantors will be called upon to make up any deficit. One performance yet remains, that of "Carmen," on Feb. 11. Walter Damrosch's Manila Te Deum was sung on Tuesday evening of last week at this house. The occasion was a gala night. Mr. Damrosch was presented with a beautiful service of silver, a congratulatory address was made by U. S. District Attorney James M. Beck, the City Troop attended in full dress uniform, and a distinguished audience of great size lent a substantial backing. The Te Deum was a brilliant success and the composer is to be congratulated on his work. The solo parts were well sung by Mmes. Gadski and Olitzka, and MM. Van Hoose and Rains, and the orchestra and chorus carried their important parts with sureness and strength. A reception was tendered the composer after the performance.

BROAD STREET THEATRE.—Maude Adams, in "The Little Minister," is in her fourth week at this house, and the crowds are still flocking to see the performance.

CHESTNUT STREET OPERA HOUSE.—"The Hotel Topsy Turvy," new to the local stage, begins this week a fortnight's engagement at this house. It has the advantage of an efficient cast and comes with the success attained in other cities as a recommendation. De Wolf Hopper, in "Wang," closed a three weeks' engagement on Saturday night. Business dropped off slightly during the last week, but the engagement on the whole was highly profitable. Annie Russell, in "Catherine," follows.

CHESTNUT STREET THEATRE.—Henry Miller, who has not visited this city for several seasons, plays a single week's engagement at this house this week. The first three nights and the Wednesday matinee "The Master" is given for the first time here, and the balance of the week is given to a production of "Heartsease." The two weeks of "The French Maid" just ended, had excellent financial results, the attendance continuing large throughout the entire engagement. The last three performances Anna Held essayed the role of Suzette with fair success. Next week, Mathews and Bulger, in "By the Sad Sea Waves," which is described as a rare time opera. Jan. 30, William Gillette, in "Secret Service."

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—During the current week at this house Modjeska appears in the following repertory: Monday night and Wednesday matinee, "Mary Stuart;" Tuesday and Friday evenings and Saturday matinee, "Antony and Cleopatra;" Wednesday and Saturday evenings, 'Macbeth," and Thursday evening, "Magda." With "The Woman Hater" Roland Reed succeeded in pleasing his many supporters last week, and they showed their appreciation of his amusing qualities in this new offering by crowding the house. "Sporting Life" begins a fortnight's engagement next week. Feb. 6, "A Dangerous Maid."

PARK THEATRE.—For the first time here, at popular prices, Fanny Rice this week presents "At the French Ball" at this house. Isham's Octoroons appeared in a varied and pleasing entertainment last week, and audiences of a size to leave very few vacant seats showed marked approval. Next week, "Burr Oaks."

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Manager Southwell makes a strong bid for patronage this week with a thoroughly complete production of "Evangeline," which is staged under the personal direction of E. E. Rice. Richard Harlow, Gus. Bruno, David Abrahams, Chas. Seagraves, and Fenton and Leslie have been specially engaged and it is likely that the production will be continued for more than one week. "Der Freischutz" was capably rendered last week by the opera co., those in the cast being stimulated to put forth their best efforts by the excellent attendance. The next opera will be "The Wedding Day."

NATIONAL THEATRE.—Joseph Murphy presents this week his two plays, "Shaun Rhue" and "The Kerry Gow," and the patrons of this house will have the opportunity to renew old acquaintanceship in "The Finish of Mr. Fresh," which was put on local view for the first time last week, was decidedly thin as regards plot, but of very entertaining quality in consequence of the clever people in the cast. Crowded houses were in attendance. Next week, "Heart of the Klondike."

FOREPAUGH'S THEATRE.—"Alone in London," thoroughly fitted out as regards scenic equipment, and with Carrie Radcliffe in the role of Annie Meadows, supported by the stock company suitably cast, is the current offering at this house. Effective performances of "The Woman in Black" were given last week by the co., George Lasmak, Edward Emmonds, Thos. J. Dampsey, Carrie Radcliffe, Henrietta Vaders and Florence Roberts being specially deserving of mention for their capable portrayals. The patrons were out in force and filled the house at every performance. Next week, the stock, in "Straight from the Heart."

PEOPLE'S THEATRE.—The current attraction at this house is "David's Island." The performances of "The Girl from Paris" were well attended last week. Next week, Joe Ott, in "Looking for Trouble."

GIRARD AVENUE THEATRE.—"A Black Sheep" is the offering this week, this being the third series of Hoyt plays. Valerie Bergere as the Queen of Burlesque, George R. Edeson as the Editor, and Edward Middleton as Hot Stuff are at the head of the cast, and in addition to the other members of the stock will have the assistance of the Clayton Sisters, Tommy Grady, Taggart and McBride, and George Larsen. Good work was done by the company in "A Midnight Bell" last week, and crowded houses were in attendance. The series so far has met with substantial success, the public supporting the offerings in a liberal manner. Next week, "A Tin Soldier."

STANDARD THEATRE.—John J. Farrell and the other members of the stock co. are appearing this week in "The Octoroon." Fanny McIntyre joins the company this week for the rest of the season, making her first appearance as Zoe in the current offering. The vaudeville portion of the programme is supplied by Akimoto's Japanese Troupe, Lord and Rowe, the Fields, and Siddons and Shea. "The Golden Giant Mine" was well played last week, and with the entertaining vaudeville features pleased the large sized audiences. Next week, the stock, in "Turned Up."

ARCH STREET THEATRE.—Herr Adolf Philipp and the Germania Theatre Co., of New York, are playing a special engagement at this house, the current offering being "The Corner Grocer."

KEITH'S.—The general prosperity does not fail to make its impress on the state of affairs at this house, and business last week, with one of the finest bills seen this season, was up to capacity. An excellent bill this week is headed by Nat Goodwin, Julia Kingsley and company, in "The Dead Shot," and an array of interesting features are provided by O'Brien and Havel, Three Navarros, Dooley and Ten Brooks, Three Avolos, Hulins Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Tobin, Conroy and McFarland, McNash and Albro, the Glees, Silbor and Emerson, Drawee, the Healys, George W. Diamond and the biograph.

AUDITORIUM.—Hyde's Comedians, headed by Helene Mora, is the present week's offering at this house. The programme concludes with the comedy, "Way Down South." Crowded houses were attracted by Johnstone Bennett, in "A Female Drummer," last week. The comedy proved to be very amusing, and Johnstone Bennett made the most of all her opportunities, being ably seconded in her entertaining efforts by an excellent supporting cast. Next week, Williams and Walker's Co.

TWENTIETH STREET OPERA HOUSE.—This house got its full share of patronage last week, there being very little vacant space to spare at any performance. "Trouble With Aguinaldo, or Uncle Sam's New Islands," is a timely burlesque put on this week. Another feature is the first appearance of Keno and Welch, comedians on the trapeze.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—An olio of good specialties and the burletta, "Two Strangers from Chicago," constitute the principal features of an entertaining programme provided by the European Sensation Burlesquers this week. The Tammany Tigers renewed the good impression they previously made by providing fare of the kind desired last week, and their efforts were applauded by crowded houses. Next week, the American Burlesquers.

TROCADERO.—Sam Devere's Own Co. is Manager Lauman's card this week, and in addition to the usual olio, the entire company appears in the farce, "The Peep o' Day Club," by Sam Devere. "Miss New York Jr." seemed to be just what the patrons wanted last week, for they attended in crowds and were liberal with applause. Next week, the Royal Burlesquers.

KENSINGTON THEATRE.—The patrons of Manager Hart's house this week are provided with amusement by Gus Hill's New York Stars. The Butterfly Burlesquers were well patronized last week and were seen in an entertainment which gave entire satisfaction. Next week, the Rents-Santley Burlesque Co.

NINTH AND ARCH MUSEUM.—The boxing kangaroo, which has been named Tom Sharkey, is giving exhibitions this week, sparring three rounds at every performance with his trainer, Tom Collins. "The South Before the War" is continued in the curio hall, which also contains Jno. Thompson, the blind checker player; Scheidler, comedy magician, and Jas. Wilson, expansionist. In the theatre the comedy, "O'Hooligan's Silver Wedding," is presented by Larry Tooley, Clark Gibbs, Blanche Andrews, W. Raleigh, Lew Simmons, Paddy Murphy, Harry Grassey and Mrs. Larry Tooley. Acts in the vaudeville bill are provided by Maude McIntyre, Bates and Bates, Harry Richmond, the McRobies, Warren Brothers, and Howley and Leslie. This house is in line with the other theatres and has been doing an excellent business, last week being no exception.

NOTES.—Sol Rice is in the east of "A Black Sheep" at the Girard this week, having been engaged to play Hyde Sinn.....Master A. Byrne, a boy violin player, will appear at the Park Theatre week of 30, in conjunction with the American Opera Co., in "Pinafore."..... "The Bride Elect" comes to the Chestnut Street Theatre Feb. 6.....Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Milton Royle, Marie Jansen and Amy Lee are booked for Keith's next week..... The Maurice Grau Grand Opera Company, from the Metropolitan Opera House, begins a series of twelve performances at the Academy of Music, with a production of "Tannhauser," on Jan. 31..... The Kneisel Quartette gives its third concert this season on Monday, 28, at Witherspoon Hall. .....Plans are rapidly taking shape for the organization of a first class permanent symphony orchestra for this city, and if the plans are carried out as proposed Walter Damrosch will be the conductor..... Emil F. Schmidt, violinist, is to be the soloist at the regular concert at the Academy of Fine Arts on Thursday afternoon.....The regular symphony concert, under the direction of Henry G. Thunder, at Musical Fund Hall, on Friday afternoon, will have Edward A. Brill as soloist.

Pittsburg.—What with dramatic shows, horse shows, symphony concerts and other diversions, there was a hot time in our old town last week.

BIJOU THEATRE.—"A Female Drummer," with Johnstone Bennett in the title role, Jan. 16 and week, for the first time here. "On the Wabash" scored a hit last week. "Down in Dixey" comes 23.

DUQUESNE THEATRE.—"A Reign of Error," with those button-bursting Dutch comedians, the Rogers Bros., is the attraction at Manager W. W. Tillotson's popular house. "The Devil's Auction" crowded the theatre with delighted bidders all last week. Fanny Rice is due 23.

AVENUE THEATRE.—An elaborate revival of "My Partner" this week. "A Gilded Fool" gathered them in till the house was full all last week.

ALVIN THEATRE.—"The Belle of New York" is ringing out loud and clear for the first time here. Julia Marlowe did her usually large business up to 14. Hoyt's "A Day and a Night" will transpire 28.

HARRY WILLIAMS' ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—'Miss New York Jr." is the lesson set by Principal Williams for the students in attendance at his Academy this week. Matt J. Flynn's Big Sensation crowded the house to its utmost last week.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—"In Missoura" is elaborately revived for the current week's bill. Jim Wilson has a part that just suits him in Jim Radburn, and the other favorites of the admirable stock company are equally well placed. One of the most beautiful performances of "Captain Letterblair" ever seen here was given last week. The current specialists are: Derendo and Breen, Barrett and Learned, Conroy and McDonald, Axtell and Howard, Hugh Stanton, Florence Modena, Viola Sheldon, and Hafford and Wild.

NOTES.—Victor Herbert has been re-engaged to conduct the Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra next season. .....Manager Chas. L. Davis, of the Alvin Theatre, is in New York, in the interest of that house. The horse show at Schenley Park Riding Academy, 13 and 14, was both a horsey and a social success.....Carroll Dunbar has joined the stock company at the Grand.....Louis Aldrich will be in Pittsburg this week to see the stock company at the Avenue in his great success, "My Partner."..... Robert Ransome scored a big hit at the Grand, last week, as Mr. Seaton, the old lawyer, in "Captain Letterblair."..... Harrington Reynolds, one of the favorites of the Grand stock company, was tendered an elaborate banquet at the Hotel Henry, 13, by twenty-five of his friends. He closed at the Grand 14 and left for New York 15.....The proprietors of the Hotel Schenley will shortly give an elaborate private musical in honor of Victor Herbert. Admission will be by invitation only. .....The Pittsburg Symphony Orchestra concertized at Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburg, 13.....Many matinee parties were given at the Grand last week.....Antoinette Ashton has joined the stock company at the Grand to play ingenue roles. She is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and speaks Spanish as well as she does English. .....Charles Cheppelle has been specially engaged to play Major Henry Clay Britt, in "My Partner," at the Avenue this week.....Pittsburg Lodge No 11, B. P. O. Elks, will give a grand ball, reception and banquet at the Schenley Tavern 27.

Harrisburg.—Business took a jump last week, and, with the presence of many thousand vistors to the gubernatorial inaugural ceremonies the coming week, indications point to a still further increase in receipts.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" gave four performances, Jan. 9, 10, to big houses. Al. G. Field's Minstrels scored a record breaker. This was the first visit of this organization to this city in two years, and the reception accorded them was very flattering. Manager Field was warmly greeted by his Elk friends, including ex-Grand Exalted Ruler Meade D. Detweiller.....Joshua Simpkins" proved a big drawing card 14. Danny Mann, a Harrisburg favorite, appeared in the title role and was given a warm welcome. He has adopted this city as his home On 15 he was made a member of the local lodge of B. P. O. Elks, No. 341, a special dispensation having been granted to allow his initiation. A reception followed, during which Mr. Mann made a pleasing address and received many high compliments. The Huntly-Jackson Co. comes 16, for ten performances. The Gormans are booked for two performances 11.

NOTES.—The inauguration of Governor Elect W. A. Stone, 17, filled the city with visitors, and the members of the Huntly-Jackson Company had quite a skirmish for homes during their stay in the city.....Charles E. Bloomer and W. E. Crandall are new members of the Stetson "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Co. The former is well known here, and the latter was with the "Blue Jeans" Co. for six years. Both are strong additions to the cast..... Charles Smith, of the business forces of Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Co., met his old friend and partner, J. G. Poley, now one of the proprietors of Hotel Columbus, 9.....The Harrisburg Mask and Wig Club presented "Prisa" to a crowded house at Marietta 14, for the benefit of the poor fund.....M. H. Welsh, manager of the "Old Southern Life" Co., was here 14. He has decided to close one of the shows in order to make elaborate preparations for his big circus aggregation for next Summer. While at Derry, Pa., the safe in the car was robbed of $136. Levi Dever, a cook, was arrested. George Boyd, of this city, has closed with his aggregation.....Manager Frank Coyle, of the Lebanon Opera House, on the Markley-Appell circuit, was a visitor here 14. He has had a successful season, and is proving a most efficient manager.....Danny Mann and Dolly Mann, the new acquisitions to the "Joshua Simpkins" Co., are winning a host of admirers..... A. Wilson Norris, past exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, died suddenly 15, of heart trouble. He was adjutant of the Third Brigade, First Division Second Army Corps, and came up from Camp McKenzie to attend the inaugural ceremonies. He was a prominent attorney in theatrical cases.

Reading.—Business was only fair last week.

RUCKER'S LYCEUM THEATRE.—An entire change of bill has been made at this popular family theatre, "For Liberty," a military and naval spectacle, embracing some of the current events during the late war, is attraction for the first three days of this week. The company opens with a special matinee Jan. 16. One of the features will be the participation of fifty members of Co. A, Fourth Regiment P. V., who saw service at Porto Rico. The company is composed of Geo. Hoskyr, Lovette Rockwell, Campbell Stratton, Charles A Clark, Wm. Cline, Eddie Mangle, Murrel O. Carleton, Estelle Keene, Goldie Cleveland, Grace Hazard, Mary Wade, character comedienne. "My Uncle Bilkins" is the attraction for the last three days.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The Huntley-Jackson Stock Co. played a successful week. "Gettysburg" comes Jan. 19-21.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Hewe's wargraph 17. 18 Sousa 19, "Uncle Tom's Cabin" 21. All the attractions booked last week did a fair business.

NOTES.—Manager Becker and wife have taken up their permanent residence in this city, by leasing the residence of Dr. John R. Kaser, North Sixth ..... Robert A. Kane, manager of the Kane Opera Co., denies that Wm. Lindemuth purchased an interest in his company. Mr. Lindemuth so informed your correspondent himself.....Chas. Stackhouse, a Reading boy, has gone on the road with his trick house act.....Chas. Heisman and Prof. Dillon have gone to New York.....Harry Daneks, formerly of Bubbs Comedy Co., is home nursing a bad case of grip.....Grace Hazard has become a permanent fixture with Becker's Stock Co. She is a favorite here.

Erie.—At the Park Opera House the Gibneys enjoyed large business the entire week of Jan. 9, with three matinees, pleasing everybody, at cheap prices. Coming: James K. Hackett 16, in "Rupert of Hentzau."

NEW LYCEUM.—Good attendance last week. Coming 16 and week: Geo. H. Adams' Pantomime Co., Wormwood's dog and monkey circus, Lynch and Jewell, the Mamiottas, Sam Burt, Sisters Millar, Fred Niblo, Adams Sisters, Vina Thompson.

JOHN W. VOGEL'S "Darkest America" band stopped over 8 and serenaded Manager Knowlton, of the Lyceum. .....Lodge 67, B. P. O. Elks, of this city, has arranged to give Bro. Knowlton, manager of the New Lyceum, a benefit week of 16.

Altoona.—At the Eleventh Avenue Opera House the Spooners did the largest business, week of Jan. 9, of any repertory company appearing at this house during the season. The house was full at every performance and the best of satisfaction was given. "When London Sleeps" drew a full house 12. "The Two Johns" is booked for 21, and Scott's Minstrels 24.

NEW MOUNTAIN CITY THEATRE.—"Our German Cousin" had fair attendance 9-11. "Miss New York Jr." is booked for 23-25.

Lancaster.—At the Fulton Opera House "Chattanooga" drew a good house, Jan. 9. Redpath Concert Co. did well 10. Stetson's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" gave four performances to crowded houses, 11, 12. "The Tarrytown Widows" had good business, 14. Shea-McAuliffe Stock Co. open a week's engagement with "The Fire Patrol" 16.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Charleston.—At Owens' Academy of Music "The Prisoner of Zenda" pleased a large house Jan. 10. Jas. O'Neill did well 13. Barlow's Minstrels had fair business 14 and matinee. Woodward and Warren Co. comes 16-21, "Jack and the Beanstalk" 24.

MISSOURI.

St. Louis.—There were some good attractions in town last week, and they did a good business. In fact, none of the houses were complaining, although the weather was far from perfect.

OLYMPIC.—The best drawing attraction was Richard Mansfield, in "Cyrano de Bergerac." There was hardly an unoccupied seat throughout the week, although prices had been doubled for the production. It is estimated that the total receipts were well up to $20 000. The production was in charge of Acting Manager Jas. H. Dillon. This week the Lilliputians are here, the Alice Nielsen Opera Co. to follow.

CENTURY.—Another prime attraction, second only to Mansfield in drawing qualities, was the Bostonians, in "The Serenade." All the old favorites were there and several new members at once became favorites. The company included Barnabee, Macdonald, Jessie Bartlett Davis, Helen Bertram, Geo. Frothingham, William Lavin William Broderick and Harry Brown. It was extremely well staged and won enthusiastic applause from the large audiences. The Bostonians will stay a second week and produce the favorite piece "Robin Hood."

IMPERIAL.—"The Plunger" was the offering last week and did a fair business. Jassaline Rogers, as the widow, began her work as leading lady, and Gus Weinberg, former comedian of the Grand, made his initial appearance. The other parts were well taken by Malcolm Williams, Frank Larree, Edmund D. Lyons, Miss Henderson and Miss Earle. This week, "Camille" is being produced.

GRAND.—The week of vaudeville is over. Hopkins' Trans-Oceanic Stars drew very fair houses, and presented a clever olio. Some of the best features were: Kara, Josephine Gassman, the Nawns, and Polk and Kollius. This week the new stock company begins work in "Jilt." Winnie Seligman is leading lady and Herbert Bosworth is leading man.

COLUMBIA.—Last week's bill drew well. The bill was headed by Ching Ling Foo and family, Ward and Curran, Irene Franklin, Stine and Evans, the kinodrome, Mack and Elliott, Gertrude Havnes and James McDuff. This week the offerings are: Macart's Dog and Monkey Circus, Beatrice Moreland and company, Deats and Dunn, Al. and Mamie Anderson, Baby Lund, Almont and Dumont, Harry Thomson and the Kinodrome.

HAVLIN'S.—"The Stowaway" did a fair business. It was of the regular sensational style, with two real burglars to blow open a real safe and other instructive features. It gave good satisfaction to the audience. This week Murray and Mack are here.

STANDARD.—"Weber's Dainty Duchess Co." was here last week and did a big business. Among the vaudeville features were: Letta Meredith, Burke Bros., Mimic Four, Montague and West, Aleen and La Rue, Hayes and Bandy, Kessler and Carrick and Raymond and Clark. The closing burlesque was headed: "A Hot Time at the Club." This week Harry Morris' "Little Lambs' Co." play a return date.

MUSIC HALL.—This house did not do badly last week. Alexander Comstock is managing the enterprise. The offering was "Over the Sea." Prices, 10, 15 and 25 cents. In so large, a hall, however, the audience seems small, and for some reason the acoustic properties were worse than usual.

NEWS.—Col. Hopkins was in town recently, and states that $15,000 will be spent in improving the Highlands for the Summer. The season will open April 15, under the management of Col. Hopkins.....The new stock company at the Grand has substituted Louise Closser, of the Greenwall Stock Co., at New Orleans, for Marie St. John, who is ill in New York..... The Russell Bros.' Co., billed for this week at Havlin's, closed here. The advance man not appearing, Manager Garen canceled the date, and put on Murray and Mack's "Finnegan's 400." Among the members of the company are Bernard Dillyn, John T. Cody, Valeur Castellaine, Miss Ackman, Miss Heckler, Miss Priscilla and Miss Maynard.....Hilda Clark, with "The Bride Elect" Co., was ill for several days here, but has recovered and joined the company.....Two St. Louis girls were in the Mansfield production here—Juliette Farish and Sue Van Duesen.....The Choral Symphony gave two concerts last week.....The mammoth cake walk and colored jubilee at the Coliseum this week includes five hundred people on the stage. Every variety of walk and dance is shown, and all sorts of plantation sports. Gumperts & Jannafoll are managers.

Kansas City.—At the Coates Opera House last week Blanche Walsh and Melbourne MacDowell, in "La Tosca" and "Fedora," had only fair returns. Miss Walsh was a surprise. Her acting was greatly admired. Six and Seven curtain calls were common, and even after the performance was over the audiences waited and compelled her to come out again. Melbourne MacDowell, Arthur Elliott, Chas. W. Stokes and Constance Williams all did good work, and the productions were well put on. The house will be dark for a week, with the exception of 22, when Col. Robert G. Ingersoll comes with one of his lectures.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Murray and Mack, in "Finnigan's Ball," last week had immense Sunday business and good houses the rest of the engagement. Manager Joe Spears has the best show he has ever had and the performance goes with a dash from start to finish. Besides the stars, the work of Kittie Beck, the neat dancing of the Trumbull Sisters, the sketch of Delmore and Wilson and the musical turn of Kittie Hawthorne should be mentioned. This week, Wm. Morris, in "Under the Red Robe," and next week Chas. Dickson, in "Mistakes Will Happen," comes.

ORPHEUM.—The same old Sunday business last week, two "no more room" houses. The rest of the week was also big. The feature of the bill was the violin playing of Camilla Urso. Even the gallery was most demonstrative in her behalf, and her turn was a nightly triumph. The comedy hit of the bill was made by Lawrence and Harrington in their really funny "Bowery Boy and the Tough Girl" turn. Edwin Lang, the tramp poet and "Prince of Wales," was well received. Ozav, was a good juggler. La Belle Wilma created sand and smoke pictures. Balser, Sellery and Bartlett did a comedy sketch called "Divorces While You Wait," in which there was good singing. Carlossa worked on an unsupported ladder. Ford and Da Vera did a good black face act, and Prof. Macart's dog and monkey circus showed a clever animal act. This week the house will make a departure and play an entire vaudeville company, it will be the Hopkins Trans-Oceanics, and it includes Kara, the Nawns, Josephine Gassman, Polk and Kollins, Nestor and Bennett, Foy and Clark, Edna Collins, and Ford and Francis.

GILLIS'.—"The White Squadron" was booked at the eleventh hour last week, and opened to big Sunday business, and did fairly well the rest of the week. J. J. Lodge, Sam Roberts and Alberta Converse, all did good work. This week Wm. Calders' great melodrama, "The Span of Life," comes, and the week following John L. Sullivan and his company will be with us.

NEWMARKET.—Tom Foy, E. K. Bennett, C. A. Hillard, Corree Fay, Lou Jonas, and Arthur Styles.

ZOO.—Business still keeps up.

CLIPPERINGS.—The opening of the new Auditorium has been postponed from 14 to 21. The house could have been opened, but Messrs. Woodward & Burgess thought it wise to wait a week and open in first class shape..... The Kansas City Symphony Orchestra gave their third concert at the Grand, on the afternoon of 13, to the usual big attendance. The soloist was Alfred Buch, a 'cellist who played a selection from "Faust." He played in a masterly manner and scored an emphatic success. .....E. T. McCullough is in the city, representing "The Span of Life" and Henry Green is acting in the same capacity for "Under the Red Robe."..... Jos. W. Spears gave a luncheon to Murry and Mack and a few members of his company here last week.....Hoyt's "A Stranger in New York" (the Southern Co.) passed through here last Tuesday.....Joe Coyne was busy shaking hands with old friends.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Manchester.—The Opera House was dark all last week. Notwitstanding the fact that "The Old Homestead" is well known here, having been seen so often when Denman Thompson drives the pair of oxen in the opening of the play here Jan. 18, he will be greeted by a large and fashionable audience, if the advance sale can be used to judge by.

PARK THEATRE.—The New York Stars gave four performances 9-11, the theatre being comfortably filled at each performance, and seemingly enjoyed the various turns as given by Silbor and Emerson, Farley and Cameron, Flora, the Moore Sisters, Jas. Whitely, Fields and Salina, the Deaves and Ani. Rose Sydell's Burlesquers, 12-14, playing to the capacity of the house. Due here: "A Terrible Time" 19-21.

PALACE MUSEUM.—The headliner at this theatre last week was Prof. T. J. Blanchard, who gave us pictures by Lumiere's cinematograph machine. Others appearing were: Dick Turner, Tom McCoy, Dolly Fox, Kitty Burke, and Tom Hefron. For week of 16 we are promised: Kitty Mills, Chas. Jackson, Harry Newman, Ignas Orner, Joe Wheeler, Pete Cole, Conroy and Jones, and Josie Wilson.

NEWS OF THE LOBBY.—Manchester's crack club, "The Calumet," will give an extravaganza, called "Bobby Shafto," 24, 25. This piece is on the "Jack and the Beanstalk" and other Mother Goose melodies style, and the various roles will be taken by members of the club.

MAINE.

Portland.—At the Jefferson Theatre Charles Frohman's Co., presenting "Because She Loved Him So," opened the week Jan. 9, before a very large, most brilliant and highly pleased audience. Sam Pitman's Comedy Co. held the boards the rest of the week, with daily matinees, producing "La Belle Marie Queens," "The Fortune Hunter," "The Electrician" and several other popular plays, to good audiences. The Portland Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Frank S. Callahan, will make its first public appearance 25, at this house. Thomas F. Clifford, the baritone, will be the soloist. Booked: Denman Thompson, in "The Old Homestead," 14, 17; Robinson Comic Opera Co. 23-26, John Drew 27.

PORTLAND THEATRE.—The farce comedy, "A Terrible Time," played at this theatre 9-11, with matinee Wednesday, to small attendance. "Mediuty the Sport" came 12-14, to fair business. M. J. Garrity has succeeded A. P. Eastman as manager of this house, and Mr. Eastman has returned to his home in Providence, R. I. Mr. Garrity was formerly treasurer, and being a Portland boy his friends are naturally pleased at his well merited promotion. Coming: "The Sleeping City" 16-18, Vandeville Company 19-21, Spear Comedy Co 23-25.

— Wilbur Mack and Isabell Fenton are with the Gibney-Hoeffler Co. for this season. They will head their own company in April, and play through Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Islands for the Summer.

Chess.

To Correspondents.

A. C. LONG, Chicago.—Accept our most hearty thanks for so promptly sending us daily bulletins of the unprecedented chess avalanche which has struck your city.

MRS. FRIEDWIRE F. ROWLAND.—Your appreciative letter heartily welcomed; the suggested packages shall be sent. You make a remark very much to the point, reminding us of what the late Herr Lehner once wrote us, expressed by a neat euphemism in French: "It seems to me that chess players are very economical."

A. C. CHALLENGER.—We have heard from you indirectly, and would consider it a red letter day on which a contribution is received from you; it would be read to "the ends of the earth," wherever that may be.

S. J. STEVENS.—The same to you, please.

A. L. GOULDIE.—Under the new light shed upon it the indefatigable Schafer, who never drops a question till he has probed it to the bottom, pronounces 2,186 sound, and that the solution sent is "the only."

WM. SCHLAFER.—Perhaps this final judgment of Mr. Gouldie's problem may lead you to revise your estimate of its relative merits as compared with Mr. Carson's masterpiece.

J. A. CARSON.—We are getting positively hungry for another problem, or two, from your intellectual classical workshop.

JOS DE NEY.—Mr. Schafer acknowledges to a mistake in writing the solution of 2,185; instead of Black 1..R (K R 4) to R 3, he meant to have written the R to R 6, facing the White R, which you play to Kt 3; after this he can find no mate in three. The problem is correctly printed.

INVITATION.—Will some good German friend who has access to *The Leipsiger Illustrirte Zeitung, Deutsches Wochenschach*, or *Muenchener Neueste Nachrichten*, kindly inform us how high a number of their games and problems have reached? and if any one can, those of *Svetosor* and *Slata Praha!* Also, will any English or American friend do us the same service about *The Birmingham Guardian, Glasgow Herald* and *Illus. London News*—or any other English paper, whose No.'s have topped the 1,000 mark?

Solutions.

Of Problem No. 2,180 (BY WM. A. SHINKMAN).—1..B to Q 4(a); 2..R to B 2; 3..Q to Kt 4; 4..Q to R 3; 5..R to Kt 2; 6..R to Kt sq; 7..R to Q B 2; 8..R to Q sq; 9. Q to Kt 4; 10..R × P; 11..B to K 5; 12..Q to her 4; 13..Q to her 5; 14..B to B 7; and 15..Q × Kt P, compelling 15..B × Q, mate. (a) All White's moves give +, and Black has no choice.

OF PROBLEM NO. 2,187.

BY E. W. ENGBERG.

1..Kt×K P *dis*+ Q to B 5	4..Q to B 8	Q × Q(b)
2..Kt × Q B P B-K 4	5..B × B +	Q × B
3..Kt-Q 7 *dis* + P-K 4	6..P-Kt 4 +	Q × P, mate.

(b) If 4..Q B moves, or X; 5..Q to K 4 +, or B, x; 6.. mate as above; and if 4..R, or K R, moves; 5..Q to Kt 4 +, compelling Q × Q, mate. Mr. Shinkman sends the author's solution in ten.

Of Enigma 2,186—Part I (White Q at K B 2).

BY WM. SCHAFER.

1..Q to Q B 5	K to B 5	5..Q to Kt 5 + K to R 7
2..B-B 8	K-Kt 6	4..K B, or 3; 5..Q mates.

OF PROBLEM NO. 2,186.

1..Kt to R 6	K to his 4	4..K to Kt 3	K to B 5
2..P-R 4	K-B 3(1)	5..K-B 4	K-his 4
3..K × P	K-his 4	6..B-K 7; 7..B mates.	

(1)

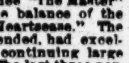
2..	If K to Q 5	5..B to K 7	K to his 4
3..K × P	K-his 4	6..K-B 4	K × Kt
4..K-Kt 3	K-Q 5	7..B mates. Good! Come again, Mr. Gouldie. I was caught napping in this.—W. S.	

Enigma 2,191.—1..Q to R 6; 2..Q to K 6; 3..Q to her 5; 4..Q to her 3; 5..Q to K B sq; 6..Kt to K 2; 7..Q to K R sq; 8..Q to K R 6; 9..Q to R 6; 10..Q mates! White's moves all give +. Ha, ha! ha!—W. S. [We all have to thank Mr. Loman for so amusing a production.—MIRON.]

Enigma No. 2,196.

First and second prize problems in "Kentish Mercury."

I.—"*Victoria.*" PAUL I MARACOULIN.



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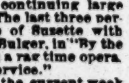
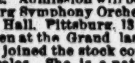
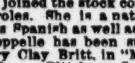


II.—"*New Brooms.*" BY P. F. BLAKE.



K Kt 2, Q 7, K 7, K 5, K Kt 3.

Knight at K B 7.



at Q 4, Q R 3, Q sq, K Kt 2, K R 8, and 7

at K 5, Q R, Q Kt 6, K B 4, K R 8, Q B 8.

White to play and give mate in two moves.

Problem No. 2,196.

From La Strategie.

BY EMIL PRADIGNAT.

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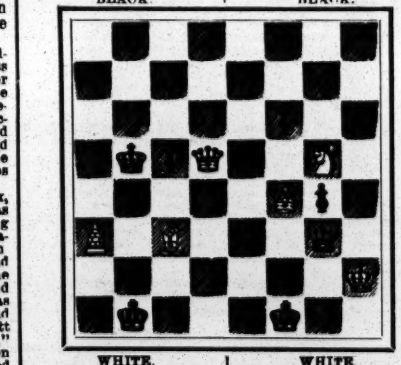

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Suimate in seven.

Problem Extra.

Rev. H. Bolton—Improved.

BY JOS. NEY BABSON.

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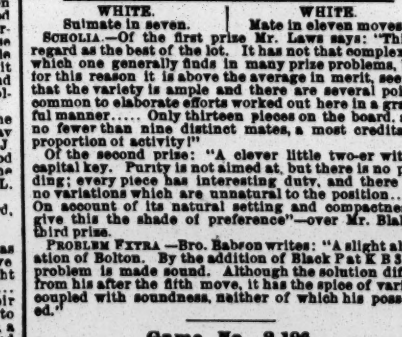

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Mate in eleven moves.

SCHOLIA.—Of the first prize Mr. Laws says: "This I regard as the best of the lot. It has not that complexity which one generally finds in many prize problems, but for this reason it is above the average in merit, seeing that the variety is ample and there are several points common to elaborate efforts worked out here in a graceful manner..... Only thirteen pieces on the board, and no fewer than nine distinct mates, a most creditable proportion of activity!"

Of the second prize: "A clever little two-er with a capital key. Purity is not aimed at, but there is no padding; every piece has interesting duty, and there are no variations which are unnatural to the position..... On account of its natural setting and compactness I give this the shade of preference"—over Mr. Blake's third prize.

PROBLEM EXTRA.—Bro. Babson writes: "A slight alteration of Bolton. By the addition of Black P at K B 3 the problem is made sound. Although the solution differs from his after the fifth move, it has the spice of variety coupled with soundness, neither of which his possessed."

Game No. 2,196.

In one of his peripatetic exhibitions in England recently, Herr Lasker had Miss Mary Rudge as a *vis a vis*—*i. e.*, the champion of the world masculine vs. the champion of the world feminine, the former getting mildly astonished—we think.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

SCOTCH GAMBIT.

White, Herr Lasker.	Black, Miss Rudge.	White, Herr Lasker.	Black, Miss Rudge.
1..P to K 4	P to K 4	15..P to Q 4	K B to K 2
2..K Kt-B 3	Q Kt-B 3	16..P-Q 5	Q B-B 2
3..P-Q 4	K P × P	17..P-K 5(b)	B P × P
4..K Kt × P	Kt × Kt	18..B P × P	Castles
5..Q × Q Kt	P-Q 3	19..P-K 6	Q B × P
6..Q Kt-B 3	P-K R 3	20..Q-K 2	K R × R +
7..K B-Q 3	K Kt-B 3(a)	21..Q R × R	K × Q R
8..P-K R 3	Q B-Q 3	22..Q R × B	K × Q R
9..Q B-B 4	Q B-K 3	23..Q-K 6 +]	K-B sq
10..Q B-R 2	K Kt-Q 2	24..Kt-K 4

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THEATRICAL.

C. W. J., Burr Oak.—We have no record of the plays, nor have we any knowledge of them.

D. J. L., Ware.—1. "The Masked Ball," "The Bauble Shop" "The Butterflies," "Rosemary," "That Imprudent Young Couple," "Christopher Jr." and "The Squire of Dames." 2. See reply under Ring.

J. C., Kansas City.—See reply to J. T. E. in this issue.

KENSINGTON, Buffalo.—1. The play is owned by A. Q. Scammon, whom we advise you to consult, as we do not care to express an opinion without more complete knowledge of the conditions. We meant not to accuse you, but to warn you if ignorant of the existence of the other play.

W. J. S., Denver.—For full information concerning the play address T. Henry French, 26 West Twenty-third Street, New York City.

P. H., Warren.—1. There should be a fair demand for the act, and salary might range from twenty-five dollars to considerably more, according to nature of engagement. 2. The "ads." would cost one dollar each.

C. P. L., Long Branch.—Such an act would be consistent with the rules, but as a beginner you would find difficulty in obtaining engagements in houses that would pay more than fifteen dollars per week.

A. J. R., Fort Wayne.—"At Piney Ridge" was played at Kalamazoo, Mich., on Feb. 10, 1896.

D. A., Toronto.—1. We do not care to recommend anyone. 2. The price is twenty-five dollars.

C. L. T., Nashua.—Geneva O.

W. V. S., Wilmington.—You certainly need a manager. Advertise in THE CLIPPER. See rates at head of this column.

M. C., Fitchburg.—No one of that name is in any way connected with THE CLIPPER.

J. F. M., Galveston.—The original Joseph Murphy, of "Kerry Gow" fame, is, we are happy to state, alive and well.

G. K., Bourbon.—Address the party in care of THE CLIPPER.

M. E. C., Providence.—Address letter in our care and we will advertise it.

L. R., Moline.—The party was born in New York City We neither seek nor furnish information concerning the religious faith of professionals.

J. W. J.—Address letter in our care.

CHURUBUSCO.—Address the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C.

F. A. T., Princeton.—1. From ten to fifteen dollars per week. 2, 3. Salary would depend upon merit of the acts.

J. R. H., Cadillac.—1. Watch our route list. 2. We do not know the roster.

K. C. S., San Francisco.—See reply to J. T. E. in this issue.

O. L. JR., Montreal.—We have no information concerning the party.

T. AND V., Ottawa.—1. If you are beginners, as you seem to be, you will probably get forty per week. 2. Shannon, Miller & Crane, 768 Broadway, New York City.

M. D. M., Nashville.—We do not care to especially recommend anyone.

A. K., Lima.—Address the party in care of THE CLIPPER.

GRACE, Pittsburg.—The party played vaudeville dates early this season, but for some time we have heard nothing concerning her. Address letter in our care.

O. H., East Freetown.—1. You have the privilege. 2. We do not. 3. Address L. F. Cockroft, 114 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, Cal. 4. The party is alive, and is singing in this city.

J. T. E., Grayville.—The whereabouts of the party is unknown to us. Address letter in our care and we will advertise it.

W. E. W., Harrison.—We can find no record of the death of the party.

R. M., Violinist.—Letter has been claimed.

F. S. S., Connellsville.—Address Col. T. Allston Brown, 1358 Broadway, New York City.

W. R., Reading.—1. Salary from fifteen dollars per week upward according to merit. 2. The demand is greater for team work. 3. Yes, as a rule.

A. A., Binghamton.—Many performers claim to have accomplished the feat, but we have never seen it done, nor have we any authentic record of its performance. Several performers have been killed in the attempt to do it.

J. A. S., Lawton.—Address the party in care of THE CLIPPER.

H. S., Baltimore.—The show is in Winter quarters in Bridgeport, Conn.

G. F., Racine.—You will probably get the same salary in each case.

C. W., Hoboken.—1. We do not know with what company the party is engaged this season, but he may be addressed in our care and we will advertise the letter. 2. The actress you name is playing vaudeville dates.

A. M. B., San Antonio.—We have no knowledge of the venture.

A. B. C., Los Angeles.—1. Consult a booking agent, who will advise you concerning all that is required. 2. There is none in that State.

F. K., Anaconda.—We have no knowledge of the whereabouts of the company. Address letter in our care and we will advertise it.

C. T., Louisville.—You may apply by attorney to any Federal Court for an injunction, and may then proceed against the party under the revised copyright law. It will be necessary to secure the services of a lawyer, who will fully instruct you concerning your rights.

A. F. R., Kirkwood.—1. Advertise in THE CLIPPER. See rates at head of this column. 2. For a beginner, from fifteen to twenty dollars per week.

J. S. N., Fort Riley.—We do not know to what picture you refer. If it is a show print write the parties, in care of THE CLIPPER; a letter to the other party you named should be addressed in the same manner.

MRS. M. B., Bayonne.—Letters advertised for any professional party we prefer to hold. They may be sent for at any time. There are other letters on hand for the party mentioned.

CARDS.

J. C., New York.—Not unless it was the highest trump played in the hand; both high and low take precedence in value of jack, the latter counting at once only when turned by the dealer.

H. H., Newport.—1. A not having looked at his cards, the dealer withdraws the superfluous card and restores it to the pack, and the game goes on. 2. The dealer places the exposed card on the bottom of the pack, and give the player another card from the top of the deck, before serving the next player.

C. W. H., Davenport.—B not having picked up or looked at the superfluous card, the dealer restores it to the pack.

J. K. D., Eureka.—Any straight flush constitutes what some persons choose to call a "royal" or "tiger" flush.

FROM.—If the seller declines to entertain the highest bid made, he must pitch the trump himself, and is entitled, if successful, to score all the points he may make; but if he fail to make as many points as the highest number offered he must be set back just that number of points, and he cannot score anything he may have made during the play of that hand. E is right.

L. B. S., Atlantic City.—When a call is made every player who stays must show his whole hand.

A. J. H., Rochester.—A and B throw off their tie for choice of first and second prizes, the loser of the throw off taking second prize. C gets nothing.

C. A. B. S., Cincinnati.—In seven up, when neither player holds anything that counts for game, the elder hand scores the point, just the same as if the count for game was a tie.

W. C. B., Pawtucket.—You are correct in claiming that you had a run of three for the last card, and one for the 60.

L. F. H., Cleveland.—1. J. had no run for the last card in 4, 4, 4, 3 and 5, on account of the first 5 intervening. 2. There is no run for the last card in 4, 5, 6, 2, 4, 1, 3 and 4. 3. L. is entitled to a run of five for the last card in 4, 7, 4, 6, 3 and 5. 4. J. has no run for the second 3, but has a run of five for the last card in 4, 2, 3, 1, 5, 3, 4 and 5.

J. B. A., Pekin.—We do not. Write to Dick & Fitzgerald, 18 Ann Street, New York City, for "American Hoyle."

A. B. C., Waterloo.—A is right; he scores one point for game.

G. F., St. Paul.—A and B are entitled to both prizes, and can divide or throw off for choice, the loser taking what is left by the winner.

W. L. H., Brooklyn.—The relative positions of the players at the table not having been changed, the deal goes around in rotation, M being entitled to the next deal.

BASEBALL, CRICKET, ETC.

C. R. S., Buffalo.—Each club was scheduled to play fourteen championship games last season with every other club of the National League and American Association.

F. P. M., Atlanta.—After the first inning the first striker in each inning is the batsman whose name follows that of the last man who has completed his time at bat in the preceding inning.

RING.

L. J. L., Ware.—The fight between Tom Sharkey and Bob Fitzsimmons in California was decided in favor of Sharkey on a claim of foul.

W. S., Weedsport.—A wins, as the fight did last ten rounds; it was not necessary that the final round should have occupied the full three minutes to make him a winner.

H. T., New York.—John C. Heenan and Jim Mace boxed at the Old Bowery Theatre, this city, at a benefit to the former, before the fight between Mace and Tom Allen, which took place on May 10, 1870. They also sparred together at Tammany Hall, and Heenan and Mace traveled together, giving exhibitions.

E. M. G., Watertown.—Tommy Ryan defeated Jack Dempsey in three rounds at Coney Island, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1896.

C. B. R., Norwich.—Bob Fitzsimmons was born at Elston, in Cornwall, Eng., June 4, 1863, and stands 5ft. 11¾in. in height.

J. E. C., Waterbury.—B, who bet that the fight between Sharkey and McCoy would last ten rounds, won the money, as the tenth round was in progress when the end came. See answer to "W. S., Weedsport."

J. F. P., Burlington.—A is wrong; to do so, and remain in the best condition, would be impossible. The lighter man simply refrains from reducing his ordinary weight, while preparing himself in such way as will add to his strength.

F. W. K., Fort Wayne.—Sharkey was declared the winner of his fight with Corbett, and all bets should go with the battle money; a referee has no control over wagers.

C. F. M.—The figure you name was several dollars below the lowest regular price of admission to the Sharkey-McCoy fight.

RED, St. Louis.—The fight between Jack Dempsey and George La Blanche (in California) took place Aug. 27, 1890; that between Dempsey and Bob Fitzsimmons, at New Orleans, Jan. 4, 1891.

F. H. M., Fort Dodge.—The fight between Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson occupied sixty-one rounds; that between John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain, seventy-five rounds.

F. F. C., Morrisville.—We are not aware that he was. A letter addressed to him in care of this office might secure you the desired information from an authentic source.

T. C., Rochester.—1. John L. Sullivan and Paddy Ryan fought under the regular rules of the P. R., with bare knuckles, in 1882. 2 The glove fight between Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Sharkey was to have been ten rounds.

TURF.

P. McG.—1. The name of the jockey referred to was Kitchener, who, at Ascot, Eng., in 1840, is stated to have weighed but 35lb. In 1840, when he won the Chester Cup, his bodily weight was 49lb. 2. We have no data.

ATHLETIC.

A. B. S., New York.—1885, the year upon which championship amateur skating meetings were established in this country. You can obtain a copy of THE CLIPPER ANNUAL for 1897 upon application at this office; price, twenty-five cents.

DICE, DOMINOES, ETC.

E. A. B., Richmond.—1. No. 1 wins, his throw not having been beaten. 2. No; those who tied throw off simply to see who is entitled to the pot.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SOO GUN CLUB, Sioux City.—B is entitled to the money bet, as A did not beat him; a tie is not a draw.

T. J. C., Gainesville.—The twentieth century begins on the first day of 1901.

A. AND B., Wrightsville.—The first day of 1901 will be the beginning of the twentieth century.

O. H., East Freetown.—You can obtain it from a newsdealer, or from this office, upon receipt of price, twenty-five cents.

F. A. W., Gallatin.—*Forest and Stream*, New York City; *The American Field*, Chicago, Ill.

EASTON.—We would advise you to obtain them from some reliable purveyor that you may know of; we do not care to recommend any one.

P. F., Pottsville.—Write to the department at Washington, D. C., for reliable information regarding the matter.

CONSTANT READER, New York.—A is wrong; cigar making is a trade.

J. W. McK., Kansas City.—All the records of that kind which we are in possession of will be found on page 194 of THE CLIPPER ANNUAL for 1899, obtainable at this office for twenty-five cents.

READER, Cleveland.—War was declared on April 21, 1898, and the peace protocol was signed on Aug. 12, a lapse of 112 days. As the battle between the American and Spanish forces that resulted in the surrender of Manila was fought on Aug. 13, and that being a "continuation of actual hostilities," B wins the money bet.

Winter Sport.

COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 20, 21—Western amateur championship skating races, Forest City Park, Cleveland, O.

Jan. 26-28—National Amateur Skating Association annual championship meeting, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Jan. 29, 30—Fancy skating tournament, championship of the world, Vienna, Aus.

Ice Boating On the Hudson.

With the surface of the Hudson River congealed to a thickness of over eight inches the hardy ice yachtsmen of Poughkeepsie, Newburg and the neighborhood have had grand sport during the past week, better, indeed, than for a number of years previous, and have managed to bring off some important races, in which were engaged some of the big boats of the leading clubs, while in contests of a minor character craft of smaller dimensions have had ample opportunity to show their abilities. On Jan. 10 the opening race of the season, at Poughkeepsie, took place over a ten miles course between Carthage Landing and Hamburg, where the river is one mile in width, and the ice was in better condition than for many years. The event was a contest between the yachts of the Carthage Club for the club record, with the Always Ready, owned by Reginald W. Rives, of New Hamburg, trying to beat the club boats. The race started at 2.20 o'clock. The club boats were the Ranger, owned by the Merritt Brothers, sailed by Charles Merritt; Hermes, owned by Alexander June, sailed by Stephen Glass, and North Star, owned and sailed by Isaac Miller. It was a beautiful race, two trips over the course being required to make the ten miles. The race was won by the Ranger. Time, 29m. 10s.

On the afternoon of the same day there was a race on Orange Lake, near Newburg, for the beautiful trophy known as the Higginson Cup. Although there were nine entries the struggle for supremacy lay between Commodore Higginson's Windward, carrying 662 square feet of canvas, and Vice Commodore Kidd's Snowdrift, with 486 feet. Higginson sailed his own boat and Captain Willett A. Kidd guided the Snowdrift. Pushed by a north wind the following yachts got off well together: Windward, Snowdrift, Cold Wave, Ice King, Troubler, Flying Jib, Ice Queen, Æolus and Graziella. On the third lap, two miles, the swift Windward and Snowdrift lapped the rest of the fleet. The Windward finished fifty-five seconds ahead of Snowdrift, but Snowdrift won on time allowance.

On 11 the scene changed again to Poughkeepsie and the river, when the contest for fourth class honors between boats belonging to the Hudson River Club was decided. The course was from a stake off the pumping works two miles north, twice over. The competing yachts were: Brisk, H. Vonderlinden; Esquimaux, James Breese; Ariel, Archie Rogers; Comet, Norman Wright. The Ariel finished first in 30m., and the Comet second in 30m. 20s. The Brisk came in third and the Esquimaux fourth.

TEAMS representing the Brooklyn Skating Club and the Montclair (N. J.) Athletic Club, respectively, engaged in a match at hockey at the St. Nicholas Skating Rink, this city, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 11. There was a large assemblage present, who enjoyed the game greatly, although the result was largely in favor of the Brooklynites, who were the heavier men, thereby having a material advantage. The score was nine goals to one in their favor.

Two rinks of Buffalo, N. Y., curlers visited Niagara, Ont., Jan. 12, and played the Niagara Club the first match of the International Curling Association, Niagara winning by a score of 41 to 22.

THE New York Athletic Club hockey team defeated the St. Nicholas Skating Club at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday evening, Jan. 12, the score at the close standing at 2 to 0.

TWO RINKS EACH of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Curling Clubs of this city engaged in a curling match at the Thistle Club rink, in Hoboken, N. J., on Wednesday night, Jan. 11. The score was 26 to 20, in favor of St. Andrew's.

A CURLING MATCH for the Quebec Challenge Cup was decided at Montreal, Can., Jan. 16, Montreal defeating the Caledonia in a four rink contest by a score of 79 to 68.

Speed Skating on Spring Lake.

A series of amateur skating races was held on Spring Lake, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on the afternoon of Jan. 11. The weather was intensely cold and the ice was hard and smooth as glass. A biting wind interfered considerably with the speed of the contestants. Summary:

One mile, novice.—Won by P. Hulett Newburg; Albert Nutt second, A. Javery, Flushing, third. Time, 3m. 44s.

Two miles, handicap.—Won by F. R. Sager, Newburg, scratch; Charles McClave, New York A. C., scratch, second; O. Roosa, Newburg, 60yds., third. Time, 6m. 53⅘s.

One mile, Poughkeepsie championship.—Won by L. Schlinde, Frank Hoffman second, Paul Hulett third. Time, 3m. 38⅘s.

Skating Between Schoolboys.

The third series of races between Brooklyn schoolboys took place at the Clermont Avenue Rink on Saturday morning, Jan. 14, the representatives of the "Poly Prep" winning both events decided, as will be seen by the appended summary:

Half mile race, for boys under 17 years.—Won by H. G. McKenney, "Poly Prep," 130yds.; George H. Wright, Public School No. 9 A. A., scratch, second; P. M. Ward, Public School No. 44 A. A., 135yds., third. Time, 1m. 47⅘s.

One mile, for boys over 17 years.—Won by Harmon Randolph, "Poly Prep" School, 65yds.; L. G. Spence, New York, scratch, second; Barrett Smith, New York, 135yds., third. Time, 3m. 27⅘s.

A GAME OF HOCKEY was played by the teams representing the Brooklyn Latin School and the Polytechnic School at the Clermont Avenue Rink, Brooklyn, N. Y., on the evening of Jan. 10, a capital contest, witnessed by a big crowd, resulted in a well earned success of the Latin school players by a score of two goals to one.

OWING to the inferior condition of the ice, the result of the snowfall and subsequent thaw, only one of the races arranged for decision at Red Bank, N. J., on Jan. 14, took place. It was a hundred yards dash, open only to Monmouth County, and was won by Albert Haviland, in 11s., defeating half a dozen others.

THE hockey team of the Skating Club of Brooklyn, N. Y., paid a visit to Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 13, and in the evening, but the lights went out at the close of the first half, and the referee declared it "no game."

The Ring.

McCOY MEETS HIS WATERLOO.

Tom Sharkey Knocks Out the Kid in Ten Rounds of Good Fighting.

Another instance of the many that may be cited in the annals of the prize ring, where too aspiring boxers have unwisely wandered from their proper class and ventured to antagonize within the roped arena pugilists much their superiors in the matter of weight and muscularity, was forcibly impressed upon the minds of those present at the meeting between Tom Sharkey and "Kid" McCoy at the Lenox Athletic Club, this city, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10. The latter, relying upon his admitted superiority as a paragon of science, his quickness of movement and ring generalship, in which he stands in the front rank, taking odds from nobody, failed to give due consideration to the great advantage his antagonist possessed in the essential qualities of strength, sturdiness of build, bulldog tenacity, and tremendous hitting power, from which his record showed that no adversary, even among the heavyweight division, had yet been able to entirely escape, sooner or later in the game, and in consequence of his overweening confidence in himself came to the grief that was the inevitable result of his folly. During the first few rounds of the battle, which was to have lasted twenty rounds, McCoy's calculations appeared to some of his enthusiastic partisans not to have been based on bad judgment, for by managing to avoid his opponent's rushes and do all his own fighting at long range, which his wondrous quickness of movement enabled him to do, at the same time dealing out punishment, but when, encouraged by the result of this clever mode of fighting, and especially by the fact that he twice floored Tom in the third round, he undertook to mix it with his sturdy, persistent opponent, instead of, as his friends thought he would, keep as well away from such a dangerous customer as possible, the certainty of his eventual downfall became apparent to old ringgoers. The terrible blows that the Sailor delivered at intervals, on the body principally, began to tell a tale of woe to McCoy, as they began to rapidly weaken him. Continuing his rushing tactics, Sharkey got in his first effective work in the eighth round, when he sent McCoy to the canvas with a terrific smash in the pit of the stomach, which must have damaged the Kid greatly, and from the effects of which he could not have fully recovered during the brief period during which the fight afterwards continued. Sharkey had decidedly the best of the milling, rushing the Kid all over the ring, and administering another sockdolger in the vicinity of the mark in the ninth round, which added to his opponent's distress materially. The finish came quickly in the tenth round, when McCoy was entirely at his adversary's mercy, Tom following him about without regard to the blows that were aimed at him, many of which landed, but did not a particle of injury, as there was little steam in them. Finally, at the end of 1m. 13s. fighting in the tenth round, Sharkey got in a sounding left hander on the neck, the Kid falling to the floor, with his head hanging over the lower rope. He laid there while the referee, Tim Hurst, counted the ten seconds that made Sharkey the winner of one of the hardest fights, and certainly one of the squarest, that ever took place in Greater New York. Tom did not know that he had won, however, and, as McCoy got up on his feet, staggering, again he rushed at him and administered another pile driver, this time with his right on the side of the head, that knocked the Kid flat again. The latter struggled painfully to his feet, and staggered, half blindly, to his corner, helping himself by means of the ropes, a sorely beaten and thoroughly disappointed man, while Sharkey was overwhelmed with the congratulations of his friends. The winner was seconded by Tom O'Rourke, Tommy Ryan, George Dixon and Jack Dougherty; those of McCoy, Doc Payne, Con Reilly and Frank Erne. Tim Hurst was referee. Sharkey's announced weight was 173lb; McCoy's, 136lb. About seven thousand persons witnessed the fight, among whom the Kid was a pronounced favorite, the average betting at the beginning being $100 to $90. McCoy, although defeated, is deserving of great praise for the grand display he made against tremendous odds; no cleverer fighter, better ring general, faster fighter, or quicker man with hands or feet, stands in the P. R., but he will act wisely hereafter if he adheres to the class to which he belongs in his chosen profession, instead of too quickly stepping beyond it in pursuit of additional victories to the many which he has by his prowess already achieved. Sharkey, although fighting in the same manner as heretofore, showed that he is improving, both in skill and quickness in getting about, and proved to the satisfaction of the majority of those present, that, despite his lack of science, and comparative slowness of movement, he is quite capable of meeting with credit any heavyweight now before the public.

THE DIRECTORS of the Lenox Athletic Club, at a meeting held on Saturday, Jan. 14, it was decided not to entertain any proposition from Bob Fitzsimmons regarding a fight between him and Tom Sharkey under the auspices of that organization, that action being taken because of the uncalled for slurs uttered against the club by the Australian ex-champion. Tom O'Rourke, Sharkey's manager, then announced that if Fitz could find a responsible club willing to give a suitable purse, and guarantee it, Sharkey would cover Bob's forfeit and fight him.

TOM SHARKEY AND GEORGE DIXON were announced to give an exhibition of the art manly at the Opera House, in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., on Saturday evening, Jan. 14. The building was packed with people before the time announced for commencing the show, but Chief of Police Foley refused to allow the exhibition to take place on the ground that the law says that sparring contests shall take place only at incorporated clubs.

THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT having secured an injunction against the Pelican Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y., because the management had failed to comply with the building laws, the crowd that gathered in front of the club house on Saturday evening, Jan. 14, expecting to witness the several bouts advertised, were disappointed, as the doors were not opened.

TIM CALLAHAN, of the City of Bricks, defeated Tommy Sullivan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a twenty-five round bout, at the Greenwood Athletic Club, in the latter place, on Saturday evening, Jan. 14. They fought at catch weight, and the contest went to the limit.

JOE GANS AND "YOUNG SMYRNA" met before the Eureka Athletic Club, of Baltimore, Md., on Friday evening, Jan. 13, being matched to fight twenty rounds, but the latter was knocked out in the second round.

CASPER LEON AND AUSTRALIAN BILLY MURPHY are to cross saddles before the People's Athletic Club, in Cincinnati, O., at 112lb., the latter part of this month. The bout is limited to ten rounds.

MANNY McCUE AND EDDIE HAYES have been matched to box twenty rounds before the Stamford (Ct.) Athletic Club on the evening of Jan. 18.

Athletic.

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COMING EVENTS.

Jan. 26, 28—Amateur Athletic Union annual boxing and wrestling championship meeting, Lenox Athletic Club, New York City.

March 26—Jerome Handicap, cross country run, amateur, 8 miles, New York City.

May 13—Dual track and field games between Harvard and Yale Universities, New Haven, Ct.

May 27—Intercollegiate Athletic Association annual championship field meeting, New York City.

Crack Athletes from All Over.

Notwithstanding that the weather was most disagreeable, there was a big crowd at Madison Square Garden, this city, on Friday evening, Jan. 13, to witness the athletic sports arranged by the Knickerbocker and New Jersey Athletic Clubs, in celebration of the consolidation of those prominent organizations. Aside from the promise of excellent sport, due to the presence of leading amateur athletes from different parts of the country, but principally, of course, from the big clubs of this city, and Yale, Harvard and Princeton Universities and the University of Pennsylvania, the presence of so great a gathering of spectators was largely attributable to the wise policy of the management in fixing the price of general admission at the popular sum of twenty five cents, which was within the reach of all; and the effect of this turnout will doubtless be better patronage for similar events given in future than was extended to those held during the past few years. The programme was well arranged, and, taken as a whole, the events were contested in a manner which awakened enthusiasm and held interest throughout. Nothing else could be expected, however, when the prominence and ability of the athletes engaged is considered. The performance requiring special mention was the sixty yards intercollegiate race, the winner, J. W. Tewksbury (whose portrait and career appear in THE CLIPPER ANNUAL for 1899), of Pennsylvania, created a fresh record for the distance, winning in grand style. Another special event was the five mile run for the Amateur Athletic Union championship, which was captured by Alexander Grant, also of Pennsylvania. The club point banner was won by the New York A. C. delegation, with 11 points, the New West Side A. C. following with 9, and the Pastimes being next with 8. Summary:

Sixty yards run.—Won by A. H. Kent St. Bartholomew A. C., 9ft.; A. W. Wallace, unattached, 15ft., second; Frederic Flores, St. Bartholomew A. C., 6ft., third. Time, 6⅘s.

Four hundred and forty yards run.—Won by Victor Andrews, Pastime A. C., 28yds.; C. T. Meyers, N. J. A. C., 18yds., second; R. T. McKennery, Pastime A. C., 17yds., third. Time, 53⅘s.

Two hundred and twenty yards hurdle race.—Won by C. A. O'Rourke, N. Y. A. C. and Columbia University, 14yds.; Aug. Anderson, New West Side A. C., 14yds., second; Charles McClellan Jr., New West Side A. C., 18yds., third. Time, 29⅘s.

Eight hundred and eighty yards run, interscholastic.—Won by John M. Perry, Kings School, Stamford, Conn., 40yds.; H. E. Taylor, Battin High School, Plainfield, 50yds., second; N. Adam, Hackettstown C. S., 45yds., third. Time, 2m. 33⅘s.

One mile, intercity team race between the Boston A. A. and Knickerbocker A. C., of New York.—Won by the Knickerbocker team—M. J. Waters Jr., H. E. Manvel, G. B. Holbrook and H. D. Bannister. Time, 3m. 50⅘s. The Boston A. A. team consisted of H. L. Dadman, F. W. Lord, T. P. Curtis and W. Mansfield. Time, 3m. 53s.

One mile relay race, for Y. M. C. A. of New York.—Won by West Side Branch, team 1. Time, 3m. 54⅘s. West Side Branch, team 2 was second. Time, 3m. 55⅘s. Young Men's Institute was third.

Sixty yards run, intercollegiate.—Won by J. W. Tewkesbury, University of Pennsylvania; J. R. Mulligan, Georgetown University, second; P. J. Walsh, St. Francis Xavier College, New York, third. Time, 6⅘s.

Putting 16lb shot.—Won by Richard Sheldon, New York A. C., 45ft. 8in.; W. W. Coe, Boston A. A. and Harvard University, second, 43ft. 5in.; F. S. Beck, Knickerbocker A. C., third, 43ft. ¾in.

Four hundred and forty yards run, novice.—Won by H. M. Edmonds, Bay Ridge A. C.; H. B. White, Y. M. C. A., second; N. Adam, Hackettstown C. S., third. Time, 59⅘s.

Eight hundred and eighty yards run, scratch, intercollegiate.—Won by John F. Cregan, Princetown University; H. O. Mosenthal, Columbia University, second; E. A. Mechling, University of Pennsylvania, third. Time, 2m. 7⅘s.

Eight hundred and eighty yards run.—Won by W. F. McLaughlin, New West Side A. C., 40yds.; G. E. Bahr Jr., Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, 45yds., second; H. E. Manvel, Knickerbocker A. C., scratch, third. Time, 2m. 4⅘s. Manvel's time, 2m. 3⅘s.

Two hundred and twenty yards run.—Won by H. W. Garthe, Knickerbocker A. C., 20yds; P. J. Walsh, St. Francis Xavier College, 9yds, second; F. Hines, St. Bartholomew A. C., 8½yds., third. Time, 23⅘s.

Running high jump.—Won by James S. Spraker, Columbia University, 5in., actual jump 5ft. 10in.; L. S. Jones, New York University, 6in., second, 5ft. 7½in.; C. B. Cleveland, Xavier A. A., 9in., third, 5ft. 4in.

Five miles run, A. A. U. championship.—Won by Alexander Grant, University of Pennsylvania; R. Grant, unattached, second; T. O. McGarr, N. Y. A. C., third; R. Kennedy, Star A. C., fourth. Time, 27m. 34⅘s.

A SPRINT RACE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE YARDS, for a purse of $50, was contended for at the Pigeon Cote Grounds, Holmes, Eng., Dec. 28, the purse being offered by Ink Smith, proprietor. It was a handicap on the same terms as given the principals in his Christmas Handicap, in which all were entered, but were unable to compete—A. R. Downer, 7yds. start; Harry Hutchens, 13yds., and E. C. Bredin, 15yds. A splendid race was won by Bredin on the post, with Hutchens second, Downer less than a foot in rear of Hutchens. The time was yard over 12s.

E. R. SWEETLAND has been chosen captain of the football team of Cornell University, vice D. A. Reed, resigned. Sweetland was right tackle on last year's eleven, and played a very strong game. He is also an excellent weight and hammer thrower, a good all around athlete, and was a substitute on last year's 'varsity crew. He is twenty-three years of age, six feet in height and in weight tips the beam at 175lb.

A. R. DOWNER, the Scotch runner, has issued a challenge in England to run any man in the world any distance from one hundred yards to a quarter mile, for not less than $500 a side. He announces that he is prepared to take on T. P. Keane, the American, conceding him as follows: 1¼yds. in 130, 1¾yds. in 150, 2½yds. in 200, or 4yds. in 300yds.

THE SHEFFIELD (ENG.) CHRISTMAS HANDICAP, 130yds., was concluded at the Pigeon Cote Grounds, Holmes, on Dec. 28, and the final heat was won by W. Newton, of Croft, 15½yds. start, in 12s. Tom Keane, America, 9yds., finished second, by a yard; Fawcliffe, Nelson, 16yds., third, two yards behind, and half a yard before E. Neene, 15yds., fourth.

AL. COPLAND, the old time crack sprinter, hurdler and long jumper of the old Manhattan Athletic Club, and who still holds many amateur records at hurdling, has been chosen trainer for the track team of Yale University. He was also a record holder at long jumping.

JACK MCMASTER, in addition to his duties as trainer for the baseball candidates at Harvard University, will probably have charge of the preparation of the shot putters also. They are to train in the cage on Soldiers' Field.

THE UNITED BOWLING CLUBS, of this city, have elected the following officers for the year ensuing: President, John Mole, Spartan Club; first vice president, Stephen Baumann, Seventeenth Ward; second vice president, D. D. Freels, Rosedale; third vice president, Charles Derson, Woodland; financial secretary, Charles H. King, Gotham; recording secretary, Louis Haimbach, Black Bass; treasurer, Joseph Thum, Spartan; captain, H. F. Klupp, Cannon; first assistant captain, J. G. Wragge, Bleecker; second assistant captain, Max Cohen, Glendale.

DELIGHTFUL WEATHER prevailed in this vicinity on Sunday, Jan. 15, and it was taken advantage of by a number of amateur athletes, who by way of a health giving breather took part in a paper chase which started from Jerome Hotel, this city. E. Eggleston was the first of the hares to reach the goal, followed closely by J. McEvoy, the time of the former being 1h. 12m. J. F. Malloy led the hounds home, reaching the finish in 56m; J. J. McCann second.

THE ST. GEORGE ATHLETIC CLUB held its annual meeting last week, at which the following officers were elected: President, Wm. W. Kiesel; vice president, Robert McNab; treasurer, Joseph Rodgers; secretary, Fred Trost; financial secretary, John Miller; captain, track and field, William G. Rodgers; captain, boxing, wrestling and gymnastics, Edward Harris; captain, cross country, John W. Rumpf.

A. R. DOWNER, the famous Scotch runner, made his first appearance in a five miles race at the Powderhall Grounds, in Edinburgh, on Dec. 30. He started in the fourth heat of a handicap, having fifteen yards start, and gave up at half distance. E. C. Bredin and C. B. Tinsler started from scratch in different heats in the same event, both being beaten.

THE NEWARK (N. J.) ATHLETIC CLUB, at its recent annual meeting, elected the following officers for one year: President, Forrest F. Dryden; vice presidents, J. H. Ballantine and Henry C. Rommell; secretary, C. L. De Witt; treasurer, Fred C. Fraentzel.

THE Brooklyn Athletic Club has elected these officers for the ensuing year: President, John J. Bradley; vice president, Thomas J. Brennan; financial secretary, John Sar; treasurer, Paul Sager; recording secretary, William E. Turner; captain, Dr. F. H. Martin.

A FOOTBALL MATCH was contested between the teams of the Centreville Athletic Club and the Bayside Athletic Club at the New Boulevard Park, Bayonne, N. J., Jan. 15, the former winning by a score of nine to none.

Bowling Club Legislation.

The annual meeting of the American Bowling Congress was held at the Elephant Club, in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, the different important tournaments in Greater New York being represented by delegates, while clubs in different cities at a distance were well represented also. The Kings County, Maryland and Philadelphia leagues, were elected to membership. The committee in charge of the proposed nineteenth century celebration reported adversely, and it was decided to drop the matter entirely. Much time was occupied in a revision of the rules, the more important changes adopted being as follow:

In all cases where a club is expelled all games played shall be declared null and void, and shall not count as games played.

Any team failing to meet its engagements shall, unless the failure be caused by unavoidable accident in traveling, or postponement with the consent in writing of the captains of the other teams and the executive committee of the tournament, forfeit such game, and, unless satisfactory proof be given, be expelled from the tournament.

Any bowler suspended or expelled for non-payment of dues or conduct unbecoming a bowler by a regularly organized club is barred from playing in any tournament; and a club playing a suspended or expelled bowler, after it has been properly notified, shall forfeit all of the games in which said bowler has participated, and may be expelled by a majority vote of the board of managers.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. S. Timm, New York; first vice president, M. V. Thompson, Chicago; second vice president, John J. Clingen, Passaic, N. J.; financial secretary, Samuel Karpf, Brooklyn; recording secretary, Thomas Curtis, Brooklyn; treasurer, J. P. Strack, Astoria; executive committee, Julius E. Meyers, Boston; George P. Weed, Dayton, O.; Harry A. Kerr, Valentine Thiesen, Brooklyn; Theodore C. Johannsmeyer, New York, and John H. Swanger, Baltimore.

The next annual meeting will be held in Baltimore, Md.

Interscholastic Athletics.

The annual meeting of the New York Interscholastic Athletic Association was held in this city on Jan. 10, fifteen schools sending delegates, and some important business being transacted. The committee appointed at the last meeting to revise the constitution presented an amendment striking out everything pertaining to the A. A. U. and substituting Interscholastic A. A. This means that games can be held without the sanction of the A. A. U. Athletic clubs wishing to give scholastic events in their games must also receive sanction from the I. A. A. In scoring points at the annual Spring games the following changes were made: Five for a first, 3 for a second, 2 for a third and 1 for a fourth. Hockey, discus throwing and basketball were also added to the regular list of events.

Princeton-Yale Football Receipts.

General Athletic Treasurer Walter W. Andrus, of Princeton University, on Jan. 10 gave out his report of last season's football game between the elevens of Princeton and Yale University. It is as follows: Receipts, tickets sold at $2, $20 438; other tickets, $4 206; programme privilege, $300; total, $

Elkes Easily Defeats McDuffee.

The indoor racing season in Greater New York was brought to a close on Thursday evening, June 12, with a half mile amateur handicap and two professional events, under the auspices of the American Wheel Racing Association. The principal of these contests was a twenty-five miles paced match between Harry Elkes, the holder of the hour record, and Eddie McDuffee, of Boston, Mass., who won every one of the many middle distance races in which he engaged during the past season. The reputation of the contestants in this event warranted the belief that the race would be one worth going a distance to witness, and in consequence there was a big assemblage to enjoy the spectacle. There was considerable monetary speculation on the issue of the race, the odds varying from 100 to 75 to even money, the latter in but a few instances. The bettors on McDuffee proved to be far astray in their judgment, however, as he woefully failed to ride up to the form he displayed last year, evidently being out of condition, and after leading during the first mile he was overhauled by Elkes, who soon began to leave him rapidly behind, and at the end of the third mile the lad from the baked beans section was a full lap to the rear, and plainly already out of the race. Elkes continued to go ahead, fairly running away from his opponent, thus making the contest an uninteresting affair, save for the good work done by the leader, who reeled off the miles in great fashion, eventually winning by many laps in the excellent time of 52m. 34⅘s., and he was deserving of the hearty cheers of the spectators. McDuffee rode on to the end of the twenty-fifth miles, which he finished in 56m. 15⅕s. The other events are summarized below:

Half mile amateur.—Won by F. L. Kramer, Riverside W., scratch; C. M. Ertz, Riverside W., scratch, second; Arthur S. Lyon, New York 50yds., third. Time, 1m. 5⅗s.

One mile, professional.—Won by J. Eaton, 40yds.; George Kreamer, 50 ds., second; Oscar Hedstrom, scratch, third; W. H. Owen 105ds., fourth. Time, 2m. 10⅘s.

THE St. Patrick's Lyceum Wheelmen, of this city, last week elected officers as follow: Captain, James F. Bannan; first lieutenant, William A. Deegan; second lieutenant, Joseph J. Gleason; color bearer, Thomas J. McKenna.

Aquatic.

THE WHITE STAR LINE steamship Oceanic, the largest ship ever built, was successfully launched at Belfast, Ire., Jan. 14. For the sake of comparison the following are the dimensions of what may be termed the three big ships: The Great Eastern was 680ft. long, had 83ft. beam and a draught of 80ft., was 19 000 tons register and only 2,700 horse power. The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse is 648ft. long, has 66ft. beam and a draught of 26ft., is 1,400 tons register and 30,000 horse power. The Oceanic is 704ft. long, has 72ft. beam and a draught of 26ft., is 17 000 tons register and is expected to develop 45 000 horse power.

THE ACTIVE BOAT CLUB of Hoboken, N. J., will be thus officered this year: President, Otto Schaefer; vice president, Harry Lambert; secretary, Lewis V. Hulse; financial secretary, Edward Gunkel; treasurer, W. Dietzel; captain, William Reiss; first lieutenant, Harry H. Mueck; second lieutenant, C. Joseph Saenger.

THE SHAWANHAKA CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB, on Jan. 9, elected these officers for 1899: Commodore, Henry Clark Rouse; vice commodore, Colgate Hoyt; rear commodore, Henry C. Eno; secretary, Charles J. Stevens; treasurer, R. C. Whetmore; measurer, John Hyslop; fleet surgeon, H. Holbrook Curtis, M. D.; fleet chaplain, Rev. George R. Vandewater.

THE INSTITUTE BOAT CLUB of Newark, N. J., elected these officers at its annual meeting, Jan. 10: President, E. H. Feurherm; vice president, J. J. Pardue; treasurer, T. J. Ryan; captain, F. J. Coburn; lieutenant, J. J. Coburn; secretary, Joseph L. Carroll; commodore, J. J. Mentz; logkeeper, William Degnan.

THE ATLANTA BOAT CLUB elected these officers at its annual meeting, held in this city Jan. 10: President, George Burt Heath; first vice president, Walter H. Wagstaff; second vice president, E. C. Villarverde; treasurer, Dudley Van Holland; secretary, Frederick H. Rippe; commodore, David Sauks; captain, David G. Brown; senior lieutenant, Edward Schutes; junior lieutenant, Edward V. Kean.

THE BUFFALO (N. Y.) YACHT CLUB, on Jan. 7 elected these officers for 1899: Commodore, J. S. Thompson; vice commodore, W. C. Farrington; secretary, W. C. Cowles; fleet surgeon, Dr. E. P. Hussey; measurer, Frank D. Wood.

THE INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB will be officered as follows during 1899: Commodore, Charles T. Wills; vice commodore, George G. Tyson; rear commodore, Isaac A. Hopper; secretary, Charles F. Stewart; treasurer, Richard Outwater.

THE HARLEM (N. Y.) YACHT CLUB on Jan. 13, elected these officers for 1899: Commodore, J. H. Kipp; vice commodore, H. Hanlein; rear commodore, John Symmers; fleet captain, A. Hochstaetter; fleet surgeon, J. C. Shannon, M. D.; measurer, J. Wimmer; treasurer, J. H. Andrews; financial secretary, T. J. Bates; recording secretary, F. C. Sullivan; corresponding secretary, S. L. Schider.

THE NEWARK BOAT CLUB, of Bayonne, N. J., has elected the following officers: President, Joseph H. Snyder Jr.; vice president, Alexander Christie; recording secretary, James H. Isbills; corresponding secretary, William Kimble; captain, Wm. H. Stephens; lieutenant, Leonard W. Moree.

THE HORSHON HARBOR YACHT CLUB, of Larchmont, N. Y., has elected these officers: Commodore, Albert C. Smith; vice commodore, Frank E. Towle; secretary, W. J. Merrill; treasurer, Duncan Sterling; trustee, Eustis L. Hopkins.

THE FLUSHING BOAT CLUB has elected these officers: President, James H. Connell; vice president, James H. Burke; captain, John T. Rogers; first lieutenant, Nathaniel Vanderverge; second lieutenant, Harry Brown; third lieutenant, Thomas Jermyn.

The Turf.

Racing at New Orleans.

Jan. 9.—First race—Selling, one mile and twenty yards—Official, 104, Maher, 5 to 2, won; Maggie S., 1 0, O'Connor, second; Mount Washington, 104, Combs, third. Time, 1:47.... Second race—Selling, six furlongs—Prince Harry, 103, O'Connor, 6 to 1, won; Sir Blaze, 108, Vitito, second; Pell Mell 3d, 93, Frost, third. Time, 1:13⅘.....Third race—Selling, one mile and three-eighths—Babe Fields, 93, O'Connor, 7 to 2, won; Friar John, 96, Holden second; Possum, 102, Mason, third. Time, 2:37.....Fourth race—Handicap, one mile and a sixteenth—Clay Pointer, 104, O'Connor, 13 to 5, won; Elkin, 96, Southard, second; Molo, 104, Combs, third. Time, 1:50⅘.....Fifth race—Selling, seven furlongs—Ben Frost, 101, Mason, 4 to 1, won; Tenby, 104, Dupee, second; Tom Toher, 104, Lynch, third. Time, 1:30.

Jan. 10.—First race—One mile—Sailor King, 109, Burns, 1 to 3, won; Guide Rock, 105, Frost, second; Bend Dea, 99, O'Connor, third. Time, 1:47⅘.....Second race—Six and a half furlongs—Beckon, 102, Troxler, 10 to 1, won; Cathedral, 106, Burns, second; Our Nellie, 101, O'Conner third. Time 1:36⅘.....Third race—Handicap, one and a quarter miles—Jim Hogg, 122, Lines, 4 to 5, won; Laura May, 128, Combs, second; Partner, 142, Tabor, third. Time, 1:21⅘.....Fourth race—Handicap, all ages, seven and a half furlongs—Branch, 94, Troxler, 30 to 1, won; Queen of Song 96, O'Connor, second; Great Bend, 103, Combs, third. Time, 1:39.....Fifth race—Selling, one mile and seventy yards—Blue Dan, 105, Frost 5 to 1, won; Traveller, 110, Combs, second; Boykin, 108, James, third. Time, 1:51

Jan. 11.—First race—Selling, six furlongs—Molo, 103, Combs, 5 to 1, won; Tinkler, 100, O'Connor, second; Glenmoyne, 103, Kuhn, third. Time 1:17⅘.....Second race—Selling, one mile—Morning, 99, O'Connor, 2 to 1, won; Our Clara, 99, Frost, second; Sir Blaze, 108, Maher, third. Time, 1:47.....Third race—Selling, two miles—Rockwood, 103, Powers, 13 to 10, won; Possum, 97, Mason, second; Squan, 93, Odom, third. Time, 3:47.....Fourth race—Handicap, six furlongs—Klepper, 98, Southard 11 to 5, won; Dave S., 95, O'Connor, second; Henrica 95, Frost, third. Time, 1:16⅘.....Fifth race—Selling, seven furlongs—Agitator, 104, Combs, 4 to 1, won; Can I See 'Em, 99, Frost, second; Ma Angeline, 96, Dupee, third. Time, 1:32⅘.

Jan. 12.—First race—Six and one-half furlongs—Tragedy, 98, Troxler, 15 to 1, won; Branch, 104, O'Connor, second; David, 114, Frost, third. Time, 1:24⅘.....Second race—Six furlongs—Mr. Johnson, 105, O'Connor, 6 to 1, won; Our Nellie, 100, Lines, second; Beckon, 108, Troxler, third. Time, 1:18.....Third race—Selling, one and one-eighth miles—Admetus, 101, Flick, 20 to 1, won; Basquil, 106, Combs, second; Schoolgirl, 92, O'Connor, third. Time, 2:00⅘.....Fourth race—Selling, six furlongs—Dorah Wood, 89, O'Connor, 7 to 2, won; Gath, 103, O'Leary, second; Minnie Weldon, 94, Dupee, third. Time, 1:17.....Fifth race—One mile—Jack Anapes, 101, Burns, 1 to 3 won; Pinker Potter, 108, Combs, second; Enomia, 99, Mason, third. Time, 1:46.

Jan. 13.—First race—Selling, seven furlongs—Mizpah, 114, James, 5 to 1, won; Glenmoyne, 124, Southard, second; The Dragon, 104, Shepard, third. Time, 1:31⅘.....Second race—Maidens, seven furlongs—Myscotia, 98, Southard, 3 to 1, won; Kilarma, 100, Odem, second; Bright Night, 103, Frost, third. Time, 1:31⅘.....Third race—Selling, one and one-eighth miles—Wilson, 100, Burns, 3 to 5, won; Col. Frank Waters, 101, Ross, second; Henrica, 101, Frost, third. Time, 1:47.....Fourth race—Handicap, six furlongs—Klepper, 103, James, 16 to 5, won; Belle of Memphis, 109, Lines, second; Lady Callahan, 100, Frost, third. Time, 1:16.....Fifth race—Selling, one mile and twenty yards—Bona Dea, 90 O'Connor, even, won; Albert S., 96, Vitito, second; Hampden, 91, Dupee, third. Time, 1:47⅘.

Jan. 14.—First race—Six and a half furlongs—Queen of Song 96, Frost, 4 to 5, won; What Next, 117, Combs second; Village Pride, 90, Michels, third. Time, 1:22⅘.....Second race—Three-eighths of a mile, two year olds—Paschal, 107, Songer, 15 to 1, won; Jas. 107, Dean, second; Sorrel Rose, 107, O'Connor third. Time, 0:37⅘.....Third race—Selling, one mile and a quarter—Barstaria, 100, Nutt, 3 to 1, won; Admetus, 110, Flick, second; Judge Magee, 97, O'Connor, third. Time, 2:11⅘.....Fourth race—Crescent City Handicap, one and one-eighth miles—Handsel, 117, Burns, 5 to 2, won; Basquil, 98, Hothersoll, second; Deyo, 90, Troxler, third. Time, 1:56⅘.....Fifth race—One mile—Her Own, 99, O'Connor, 7 to 1, won; Can I See 'Em, 99, Frost, second; Ma Angeline, 94, Dupee, third. Time, 1:44⅘.....Sixth race—Selling, one mile—Jack Martin, 101, Jones, 25 to 1, won; Tom Toher, 101, Songer, second; Stockholm, 101, Southard, third. Time, 1:44.

The Jockey Club

Held a meeting at the office of the organization on the afternoon of Jan. 12, the following members attending: August Belmont, F. R. Hitchcock, James Galway, P. J. Dwyer, H. K. Knapp, William Astor Chanler, S. S. Howland, J. G. Heckscher, Andrew Miller, J. H. Bradford, A. F. Walcott, A. H. Morris, F. K. Sturgis and James R. Keene. Rule 147 of the racing rules was amended by the addition of the following as the second paragraph:

A jockey under suspension shall not be permitted to ride in races for any one during the period of his suspension.

James Galway, F. R. Hitchcock and Andrew Miller were re-elected stewards, to serve for two years. The stewards held a meeting after the annual meeting for the purpose of organization and general business. The following officers were re-elected: August Belmont, chairman; James R. Keene, vice chairman; F. K. Sturgis, secretary and treasurer. Applications for reinstatement lodged by William Becket and H. Flippen were denied.

THE CALIFORNIA JOCKEY CLUB stewards have ruled off for life Jockey Ben Gouin, who piloted May W. to inglorious defeat early in the Winter season. On account of the inconsistency in running of Doss & Co.'s Hugh Penny and F. J. Kittleman's Myth the entries of those horses will not be received at Oakland track in the future.

JOHN C. MADDEN has bought of A. H. & D. H. Morris the good race horse, Russell by Eolus Filly Russell. He will head Madden's Hamburg stud.

JESSE DELONG, a well known horseman, died in Fairland, Mich., of the grip, on Jan. 11.

Baseball.

EASTERN LEAGUE MEETING.

Circuit to Comprise Eight Cities—Hartford and Worcester to be Included.

When the annual meeting of the Eastern League adjourned on Dec. 16, 1898, it was announced that it would reconvene on Jan. 10, but the circuit committee, which met on that date, took up all the available time and the regular meeting was not held until the following day. The circuit committee was composed of President P. T. Powers and Messrs. Shean, O'Neill and Kuntzsch. The following cities were represented as applicants for membership: Hartford, William Barnie; Worcester, Charles Rice and M. J. Finn, representing two different capitalists; Rochester, Charles Englert Jr.; Utica, William Brown; Albany, William Quinlan. Newark was also represented. Before accomplishing anything the meeting adjourned until the following day. On Jan. 11, the committee reconvened and held a short session. A letter and telegram were received from William Stroude, who wanted the league to admit two Canada cities, Hamilton and London, as members. He offered $500 for each franchise. Thomas L. Reilly, of New Haven, also sent a telegram, desiring a franchise for that city. A letter was read from Charles Sprogel, who wished to place an Eastern League Club in Toledo.

After the Circuit Committee had finished its business, the adjourned meeting of Dec. 16 was reconvened. Those present were: P. T. Powers, chairman; George E. O'Neill, Montreal; A. A. Irwin and C. A. Campbell, Toronto; George N. Kuntzsch, Syracuse; George Stegmaier and J. A. Reddington, Wilkesbarre; C. T. Shean, Springfield, and W. H. Draper and W. J. Murray, Providence. President Stegmaier, of the Wilkesbarre Club, handed in his resignation. He was told that the city would be protected in its territorial rights and players reserved when it changes to another organization. According to plans said to be arranged Wilkesbarre will join the Atlantic League. Stegmaier was elected an honorary member of the Eastern League, and a vote of thanks extended to him for the manly way he acted.

After the report of the Circuit Committee was read and accepted, William Barnie was invited into the meeting room. He told the magnates that he had made satisfactory arrangements to secure absolute control of the Hartford Club, and also received the sanction of the Atlantic League to make the change. The city was added to the circuit. A committee consisting of P. T. Powers, W. H. Draper and Charles T. Shean was appointed to award the Worcester franchise. C. A. Campbell, George N. Kuntzsch and P. T. Powers will visit the cities in this State and Canada and select the one likely to strengthen the circuit.

P. T. Powers was elected president, secretary and treasurer for the seventh time, and the following will be the Board of Directors: W. H. Draper, G. N. Kuntzsch, Charles T. Shean and William Barnie.

A salary limit was adopted, but it was agreed not to divulge the amount. The following resolution was adopted:

Any player who may show that he received more than his contract called for, and prove the same, is hereby released from contract and reservation on demand.

President Powers will sign all players for next season, who are not at present under contract. By this arrangement clubs will be kept within the salary limit. Each club will be scheduled to play 112 games, the same as last year, but there will be three instead of two trips. The following transportation committee was appointed: P. T. Powers, C. A. Campbell and George E. O'Neil. The meeting adjourned to meet again in this city, on Feb, 15, when the schedule will be adopted.

Board of Discipline's Report.

The Board of Discipline submitted a report to the members of the National League and American Association, while the latter were in session in this city in December last, but at the request of L. C. Krauthoff, president of the board, it was not made public at that time. Since then, however, Mr. Krauthoff has withdrawn his objection, and the report is herewith submitted:

To the National League and American Association of Professional Baseball Clubs:

The Board of Discipline provided for and created under the legislation adopted March 1, 1898, generally known as the Brush measure, beg leave to report as follows:

1 The members of said tribunal met at the Southern Hotel in St. Louis on the 3th day of April 1898, and organized by selecting the following officers: President, L. C. Krauthoff; secretary, Louis Kramer.

2 At the same meeting the board adopted and promulgated a series of rules and regulations to govern the discharge of its duties and the administration of its function, copies whereof are herewith submitted.

3 No complaint has been made to or jurisdiction exercised by said board during its existence

4 Our observation and experience lead us to submit these suggestions and recommendations:

a. The scope and effect of the measure are limited to "obscene, indecent and vulgar language upon the ball field by players engaged in playing a game of ball during the championship season." The fact that not a single complaint has been made to the board of violation of this measure necessarily proves one of two things: (1) that no such occurrences have taken place, and, therefore, the continual existence of this tribunal is both idle and unnecessary; or (2) that the machinery provided for bringing such occurrences to the attention of the board is inadequate. While no member of this body has direct knowledge that the measure has been violated, a number of complaints have been made in the public press and by individuals that such violations have occurred, or, at least, that the spirit of the legislation has not been observed. It is, however, a matter of congratulation that these have not been many in number, and a comparison of the evidence before you when the measure was adopted must be exceedingly gratifying to you. The fact remains, however, that if the evil is to be exterminated, Section 2 must be amended so as to make it obligatory, under a heavy penalty, upon all umpires, managers, club officials, players, and other persons subject to your authority, to immediately report all infractions, and thus put a failure to report on the same basis as the commission of the offence itself.

b Experience has also demonstrated that ungentlemanly conduct on the ball field is far from being confined to "obscene, indecent and vulgar language." Profanity and insulting words, gestures and actions, and similar conduct, are quite as annoying to spectators, equally as reprehensible, and constitute as powerful a basis for reformatory legislation. If the end in view, which is recited in the Brush measure, is to be attained through this tribunal, its jurisdiction must be greatly enlarged. Instead of limiting its power to specifically described words, the jurisdiction should be as broad as that conferred (to cite an instance made familiar by current history) by the articles and regulations governing the army and navy of the United States, namely, so as to cover any and all conduct or words unbecoming a gentleman and a professional baseball player. The jurisdiction must be as broad as the power to offend against a gentleman's code of respectful behavior. This would leave it to the board to develope the high standard which the public demands shall be observed on baseball fields to which they are invited under your auspices.

c. Speaking frankly, unless these suggestions are to be practically applied, the power to discipline offenders against the Brush measure may as well be left where it is placed in respect of things forbidden under your constitution and rules, and the board of discipline be be abolished. To the end that you may consider the the proposition in its entirety, free from embarrassment on their account, the members of that tribunal are ready and willing to resign the positions for which you were pleased to designate them. Respectfully submitted, F. K. STURGIS, LOUIS KRAMER, L. C. KRAUTHOFF, Members Board of Discipline.

L. J. Belloni, who died recently at his residence in this city, was the treasurer in 1859 of the old Knickerbocker Club, which was the first in existence, and had its grounds at Hoboken, N. J.

More of the St. Louis Case.

When the case of the Mississippi Trust Company vs. the Sportsman's Park and Club was resumed in Judge Spencer's division of the Circuit Court, Jan. 13, at St. Louis, Mo., Chris Von der Ahe, ex president of the St. Louis Club, was not present. He sent a doctor's certificate, saying he was confined to his bed with a severe attack of the "grip." Judge Spencer decided to hear the deposition of President Young, of the National League and American Association, taken in Washington recently, to decide the ownership of the National baseball franchise held in St. Louis, and claimed respectively by Van der Ahe and Receiver Muckenfuss, the latter appointed on behalf of the Trust Company and other creditors. William Kennerk, Von der Ahe's attorney, then proceeded to read the deposition of President Young. When he came to the cross examination part of the deposition, Mr. Kennerk handed the document over to the Trust Company's attorney, Mr. Ramell, and he continued the reading. In his direct examination President Young told how the St. Louis franchise in the National League and American Association belonged to the St. Louis Baseball Association, of which Von der Ahe is president. On cross examination he told how the contracts had been sent in by the Sportsman's Park and Club. After the reading of the deposition the attorney for Von der Ahe called on Receiver Muckenfuss to take the stand.

DIAMOND FIELD GOSSIP.

Latest Sayings and Doings of the Baseball Fraternity.

"What will be done with the left over players after taking the pick of the Cleveland and St. Louis teams is a question that is hard to answer just now," says *The Cleveland Evening Plain Dealer*. "There is no accounting for the ideas of the owners of the local franchise, and they may think they can locate an aggregation of tail enders here to profit. The recent policy of the club has been based on a belief that it is greater than the public, greater than the city and greater than the law, but that policy has received one or two bumps well calculated to shake it. The people of Cleveland finally got around to the idea that they could manage to live a full twenty-four hours a day whether there were a National League club here or not. The owners of the Cleveland Club may consider that they have a grievance against the city, but the chances are the city itself will keep right on worrying along no matter what the National League magnates do to it. A man who wishes to be considered strictly game as a bettor should be willing to give odds that Cleveland will be situated right here on the southern shore of Lake Erie, whether Robison takes his team to St. Louis or to Halifax. Cleveland has been used to good baseball, and as long as every effort was not made to antagonize all who supported the game here, baseball in Cleveland was a howling success. The Cleveland Club built up a winning team with less expense to itself than that incurred by any club in the major league, barring, perhaps, Washington. As long as the people were treated fairly they patronized the game. Estimates of the profits of the club show that it has paid for itself three times over in the past ten years, and still the owners have a grievance against Cleveland. The laboring classes of Cleveland deserted the game on account of a boycott and the club suffered not only at home, but everywhere it went. The people were told that they must attend in numbers sufficient to satisfy the management or the club would be transferred. They declined to be driven to fall games, so the schedule was disregarded, and by abandoning the home games the team lost an excellent chance to win the pennant and the players became dissatisfied and disgusted. When the papers of this city criticised the action of the club management all kinds of threats of dire vengence were made, and the magnates were indignant because anyone dared to criticise a 'strictly private business' that can only exist through public patronage. So the once popular Cleveland Club found itself without a home and without friends, and unless something is done, and that quickly, to regain the confidence of the people it will continue to be in that unpleasant position. But Cleveland will have a ball team no matter what the intentions of the local club may be. If Robison takes his team away from here the only regret will be from a personal feeling for the players, and almost without exception they have been exceedingly popular here. This regret, however, will soon be forgotten in the enthusiasm that will be awakened by again having a Cleveland team that is a recognized Cleveland institution. A team that seeks local favor and does not demand it. Such a team will follow the departure of the 'strictly private business' team that is now known by the name of this city."

The directors of the Louisville Club recently passed a resolution as to what they intended doing during the remainder of the ten year agreement made by the major league clubs. However, as resolulutions are just as easily repealed as they are made, it will not be astonishing to hear that they "will not count this one."

If Brooklyn does not get a pennant winner next season it will be no fault of Jennings and Keeler. This clever pair of Baltimore players have gone to the Hot Springs, Ark., to get into playing trim.

Cricket.

A RECENT CABLEGRAM FROM MELBOURNE, Australia, announced that the following nine cricketers have been definitely selected as members of the Australian team to visit England next season: C. Hill, J. Darling, E. Jones, of South Australia; H. Trumble, J. Worrall and C. McLeod of Victoria, and S. E. Gregory, J. J. Kelly and M. A. Noble, of New South Wales. Adding G. H. S. Trott and W. Howell this was the team that defeated the visiting English eleven in the last of the five test matches in Australia last year. F. A. Iredale had played in all of the four previous games, and T. R. McKibben in two of them. W. Howell, however, had been substituted for McKibbin, and in the last fixture J. Worrall took the place of Iredale. It is usual to include fourteen or fifteen players in the teams visiting England, and this practice will doubtless prevail again. G. H. S. Trott would doubtless have been again selected to captain the team, but he is unable to play on account of sickness. The remaining members of the team to visit England will be selected from F. A. Iredale, F. R. McKibbin, W. Howell, V. Trumper, H. Donnan, A. W. Pye, A. C. Mackenzie, G. Giffen, J. J. Lyons, H. Graham, A. E. Johns, J. Giller, H. Stuckey and F. Laver. A series of three games will be played between the Australian eleven, and a combined eleven, before the former leaves for England.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE the receipt of a copy of John Wisden's Cricketers' Almanac for 1899, published by John Wisden & Co., 21 Cranbourn Street, London, Eng. It is the thirty-sixth annual edition of this invaluable book of reference, and gives the usual accurate and complete record of the principal matches played in England, Australia and this country, including a detailed account and the full scores of the games played here by the English amateur team, captained by P. F. Warner. Among other novel and attractive features may be mentioned an article by E. V. Bligh, entitled "Cricket Centuries," together with a number of letters by famous players on the point raised by Bligh as to the desirability of altering the law of leg before wicket. A. G. Gaston has also contributed some valuable statistics on bowling, and portraits and biographical sketches are given of the five most prominent English cricketers of last season. The price of this cleverly compiled and neatly printed handbook is only one shilling.

THE INTERCOLONIAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST between elevens representing South Australia and New South Wales terminated Dec. 21 at Adelaide, in favor of the former team by 57 runs, the respective totals being: South Australia, 334 and 269; New South Wales, 374 and 172. C. Hill's batting was the chief feature of the contest, he scoring 73 in the first inning and 109 in the second inning for South Australia. E. Jones also scored 84 in the first inning and J. Darling made 70 in the second inning of the home team, each then helping Hill to make a prolonged stand. The visitors made a good show in their first inning, getting a total of 374. This was mainly owing to splendid batting by H. Donnan, who scored 160, not out. V. Trumper also scored 68 and J. J Kelly made 63 in the first inning. F. A. Iredale, who scored 55, not out, was the only one of the visitors to make a stand in the second inning, G. Giffen then bowling six wickets at the cost of 83 runs.

AT THE RECENT ANNUAL MEETING of the Inter-collegiate Cricket Association the following officers were elected: President, A. W. Jones, of University of Pennsylvania; vice president, W. S. Hinchman, Haverford College; secretary and treasurer, R. Haughton, Harvard University. The championship for 1898 was formerly awarded to Haverford College. The following dates were arranged for inter-collegiate championship games next season: May 16, 17, Harvard University against University of Pennsylvania, at Boston, Mass.; 19, 20, University of Pennsylvania against Haverford College, at Philadelphia, Pa.; 26, 27, Harvard University against Haverford College, at Boston. A committee, consisting of R. S. Holland, of Harvard University; F. A. Evans, Haverford College, and O. Paul, University of Pennsylvania, were appointed to arrange an international contest next season with a collegian eleven representing Canada.

IN A RECENT MINOR MATCH in Australia a batsman made a high hit which would have gone over the fence but that the ball struck the topmost bough of a tree near the boundary and fell into the hands of a fielder. He claimed a catch but it was not given, and it was then contended that only one run instead of the usual five should be allowed the batsman. It was clearly a case, however, in which the tree had saved the fiver, and the umpires allowed it after a consultation, probably considering that eleven in the field was sufficient without the assistance of a tree.

THE Universities of Yale and Princeton are expected to enter teams in the contest for the intercollegiate championship during the coming season.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST between elevens representing the colonies of Victoria and New South Wales terminated in a victory for the former by 100 runs, Dec. 27 at Melbourne, the respective totals being: Victoria, 289 and 219; New South Wales, 19 and 189. J. Worrall scored 109 in the first inning of the Victoria team. W. Howell then bowling five wickets for 75 runs. The visitors failed to make a stand in the first inning, when C. McLeod captured six wickets at the cost of 42 runs. The visitors were unable to make more than 189 in their second inning, when H. Trumble bowled no fewer than eight wickets at the cost of only 58 runs. The contest took place on a wicket rendered heavy by recent rain. The Victoria eleven now leads in the race for the championship.

GEORGE WRIGHT, the well known clever cricketer and once famous baseball professional, who had a fall off his bicycle last September in Boston, Mass., and broke his collar bone, has now almost entirely recovered from the effects of the accident, which at one time was thought would end his long and brilliant career. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he will have the use of his right arm again, although his right shoulder is still very stiff and he cannot use it freely. When he retires from the cricket field he intends to spend his spare time at the ancient game of golf, in which he also excels.

THE BELMONT CLUB, of Philadelphia, Pa., played thirty games last season, twenty-one of which were won, seven were lost, and two were drawn, being left unfinished. The largest total in an inning scored by a Belmont team was 352 against the Boston Zingari eleven, and the smallest total scored by a Belmont team was 21 against the Haddonfield eleven.

K. M. MISTRI scored 190 and Brockwell made 161 of a total of 585 compiled by the Patiala team against the Lucknow eleven, recently, at Lucknow, India. The Patiali eleven included Brockwell and T. F. Hearne, the well known English professionals, the former taking ten of the wickets of the Lucknow team in two innings.

K. S. RANJITSINHJI, who is now playing in India, has announced his intention of returning to England in April next. He made 257 not out, and Mistri scored 255 of a total of 633 for four wickets credited to the Patiali team against a military team on Nov. 5 last.

SEVERAL English professionals are engaged in India during the Winter months, the natives displaying wonderful aptitude for the game. The keen interest aroused in cricket is testified by the announcement that it is proposed to plant willow trees in order to meet the growing demand for cricket bats.

THE NEW CLUB organized in London, Eng., under the management of W. G. Grace is unable to secure the use of the cricket ground at the Crystal Palace. The ground has been leased to a club until 1900 and its members are unwilling to give up possession until that date. W. G. Grace recently inspected the ground within the bicycle track at the Crystal Palace, and it is intended to level this portion for the use of cricket until the old cricket ground is available. G. Hearne has been engaged by W. G. Grace to lay out the new cricket ground.

J. PAGEY, who was the professional of the Belmont Club for eleven consecutive years, has gone back to England and will not return here. His successor has not been engaged up to the present time. A second professional is to be engaged during May and June to coach the junior members of the club.

S. H. DAY, of the Malvern College eleven, had the best batting average in intercollegiate games played in England last season, having made no fewer than 771 runs in only seventeen innings, and getting 191 as his highest score.

CHARLEMAYNE TOWER, the recently appointed Ambassador to Russia, is a prominent member of the Germantown Club, and one of its vice presidents in 1897.

Theatrical.

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GEORGIA.

Savannah.—At the Savannah Theatre good business ruled all week. The Woodward-Warren Co. opened Jan. 9, at popular prices. 'The Prisoner of Zenda' followed, 11 to a packed house. Then came James O'Neill, 14, for two performances. Mr. O'Neill is a big favorite here. Coming: Peruchi-Beideni Co. 16. Roland Reed 19 'Secret Service" 20, 21.

ALHAMBRA MUSIC HALL.—Large audiences attend nightly and witness Manager Trueheart's programme. The company now includes: Rawson and Baisby, Carlisle Sisters, Thompson and West, Hattie Taylor, Villa Henshaw, Alice Earle, Fisher and Wall, Alice Kemp and Trueheart, Dillon and Ward. The proprietor of this house, Neill Glidea intends opening a place at Thunderbolt, a suburb of Savannah. All arrangements are made for an opening. Feb 5. A full orchestra will be engaged and new people for the opening.

TIVOLI MUSIC HALL.—Crowded houses are in order every night and Willy Williams has a splendid company of variety people. 'Dress Parade" is a hit and will be repeated this week. The people include Schafer and Thompson, Hill and Edmonds, Brannock Sisters, Tennetti Sisters, Mable Sefton, Bertha Dorian, Marie Hanson John Brimmer and William Holmes.

CARRIE BRANNOCK, who is just from Jacksonville, Fla., brought the news of the death of Flo Russell, who recently played at this house. Miss Russell has many friends among the professionals here. Report has it that Flo Russell killed herself last Friday, Jan. 6, at the Charleston Hotel, Jacksonville. She was recently married and had retired from active work on the stage.

Atlanta.—At the Grand Opera House "Secret Service" comes Jan. 16, 17. James O'Neill came 11, 12. So good business. Mr. O'Neill has always been a favorite here, and his last engagement was no exception. His support is strong and well balanced. Edmund L. Breese divided honors with the star, while Miss Bradcliffe was received with favor. Booked: Wm. H. Crane 18 19, 'Jack and the Beanstalk" 20, 21.

LYCEUM.—The Lyceum Stock Co. will enter upon the second week of its career, 16 presenting "Moths" the first half, and "Turned Up" the last half of the week. The company has made a decided impression. Notwithstanding the extreme inclement weather of the past week, business was most satisfactory to the management. Florence Stone, leading lady, has established herself a prime favorite, while Randolph Murray is not without a strong following. Few stronger stock companies can be found anywhere.

COLUMBIA.—Arnold's Fun Makers did fairly well week of 9. The Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Co. comes 16, for a two weeks' stay. Advance sales large.

Macon.—At the Academy of Music "The Prisoner of Zenda" played to the largest house of the season Jan. 12. Andrews Opera Co. came 9, 11, to fair returns. James O'Neill is due 17, "Secret Service" 18, Kelcey and Shannon, in "The Moth and the Flame," 2; "A Stranger in New York" 24, Roland Reed 25, "Jack and the Beanstalk" 26, Otis Skinner 31.....E. E. Emmett advance agent of the "Secret Service" Co., was in the city 12.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence.—At the Providence Opera House, Jan. 9-11, Stuart Robson, in "The Meddler," did good business, and gave a satisfactory performance. His support was excellent. The rest of the week Wm. Gillette's "Because She Loved Him So" was the bill. The company was an excellent one, headed by Ida Conquest and Edwin Arden. The business was very large. The local press was very kind in its notices. For the present week we are to have Jeff. De Angelis, in "The Jolly Musketeer;" John Drew 23-25, "The Telephone Girl" 26-28.

KEITH'S NEW THEATRE.—Last week there was a very good vaudeville show at this house. The business here is always good. For this week Mr. Keith offers the following: Milton and Dolly Nobles, Pillson and Errol, Press Eldridge, James Thornton, Paulton and Dooley, Ely and Harvey, Hugh J. Emmett, Gilbert Saroney, the American biograph, Ford Bros., Lester and Jerman, Ray Burton, and Hill and Hill. The bill contains entertainment for all classes, and will be certain to please each and every one.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—For fun this house easily led last week. Williams & Walker's Co. being the attraction, the company was, of course, headed by Williams and Walker and they were surrounded by an excellent colored company. The business was up at the top notch all the week. The present week find William Jerome's Herald Square Comedians here, in "A Joy in New York." The company is headed by Maude Nugent and includes a lot of old favorites. On the week to follow Weber & Fields' "Pousse Cafe" Co. will play a return date. When this company was here early in the season they went away leaving a good impression, and with Hallen and Fuller they cannot help doing well.

WESTMINSTER THEATRE.—Fred Rider's Moulin Rouge Co. played a good week 9-15, and gave a good show. The present week Rice & Barton's Rose Hill English Folly Co. is to be here, and it never comes here with a poor show. This time it is stronger than ever. Following Rose Hill Co. comes Rose Sydell's London Belles, another good show, and one which always makes a winning here.

STAR THEATRE.—After a dark house for a week, we are to have Hal Reid and company, in "Knobs o' Tennessee." Hal Reid is well known and the piece comes very well recommended. The stage settings are said to be far above the ordinary. On the week following Graham's Southern Specialty Company will entertain good houses. From now out Manager Harrington will conduct this house on different principles than it has ever been run on before, and has some most excellent bookings.

NOTES.—The Moulin Rouge Co. will lay off this week, owing to a misunderstanding in the bookings. Some of the company will stay here and some lay over in New York. They will open again next week, in Troy, N. Y. .....On and after Jan. 23 the prices at Keith's New Theatre will be reduced, the best seats, except box seats, to be 25c., and the reserving rule is also to be changed, this making it easier to have a seat reserved than with the old plan. The orchestra will also be dispensed with, using only a piano, the same as in all other Keith houses.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John.—At the Opera House the Paul Cazeneuve Co., Jan. 9, in "The Strategists," came to a good house. Mr. Cazeneuve was very happily cast in the role of Jack Ratledge and gave a very pleasing performance. The supporting co. was all that could be desired. Business was very good throughout the week. Repertory for week of 16: "The Pug and the Baby," "David Garrick," "The Three Musketeers," with Wednesday and Saturday matinees.

OPERA HOUSE.—Grand Concert 30, 31, by the following: Helen Buckley, soprano; Mary Louise Clary, contralto; Wm. H. Reiger, tenor; Arthur Beresford, basso; Adolph Rosenbecker, violinist; Hugo Frey, pianist. The first night will be operatic and popular concert. The second night will be given up to a production of "In a Persian Garden."

Music and Song.

Two of the prettiest songs of the day, with a story complete, so say Forrester and De Rosne are "If You Were Only By My Side," and "My Black Bess" a coon love ballad of the better class. The rehearsing parlors of the E. T. Paull Co. are continually filled with performers who are anxious to learn the above song, keeping two pianists busy all day. The other new songs by the same house are "The Old Church Door" and "The Little Village Churchyard By the Sea" and these are in demand by such vocalists as Truly Shattuck, Collins and Colins, Jessie Cole, Kilroy and Britton, Geneva Ardell,

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able audience, and was thoroughly appreciated. Coming: Dr. Houser week of 16. "Romance of Coon Hollow" 25.....Frank Green, in advance of "Under the Red Robe," and E. A. Witherell, ahead of Dr. Houser, were in town during the week.....James R. Stockdale and Geraldine Russell joined Slater's Dramatic Co. here.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION.

ELIAKIM STOWE, a veteran circus man, died Jan. 14, at the home of his daughter, in Fort Wayne, Ind. The deceased was born in 1821 in Pennsylvania, and in 1850, in partnership with his brother, John, he took out Stowe Bros.' Circus. The show later became known as the Stowe & Fisher Circus. It toured Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan, and was discontinued in 1873. The deceased was known as "Uncle Ike," and was the father of James Stowe, at one time famous as a leaper. The remains were interred in Fort Wayne, where Mr. Stowe had resided for twelve years.

ROSE ROYER, an acrobat, died Jan. 14, at Carrolton, O., from pneumonia. The deceased was twenty-four years of age, and with her husband was known as Archie and Rose Royer. She was born in Towanda, Pa., and was married in Steubenville, O., to Archie Royer, April 6, 1893. They immediately joined the Walter L. Main Show, being in the great Main Circus wreck of that year. She also served with the Wallace, Cole's and Ringling Bros.' Shows, and was two seasons with Byrne Bros.' "Eight Bells." The present season she was starring with her husband, in the Brothers Royer "Next Door" Co. Mrs. Royer leaves her husband and mother. The remains will be sent to Towanda, Pa., where interment will be made in Riverview Cemetery, Jan. 19.

PROF. DION ROMANDY, well known in California as a violinist, died Jan. 3, at Los Angeles, that State. He was born in Buda Pesth, thirty-five years ago, came to this country ten years ago, as conductor of the Hungarian Orchestra, and played under the management of Gustav Walter in San Francisco. After the disbandment of the orchestra he became leader of the Los Angeles Theatre. After filling that position for two years he became orchestra leader at the Tabor Grand Opera House, Denver, Col. He returned to Los Angeles to assume the directorship of the orchestra at the Orpheum, that city. About six months ago he was engaged by the management of the Barbank Theatre, that city, in a similar capacity, and was thus engaged up to the time of his death. The deceased was a member of the Order of Elks and the Los Angeles Musical Association.

EDWARD CORBIN RIGHTER, an actor, died in London Eng., Jan. 1. He was well known in this country, having made his American debut May 31, 1869, at the Theatre Comique, Broadway and Spring Street, in "The Jacobite," for the benefit of Alice Dunning. When Clifton W. Tayleure assumed the management of the Fourteenth Street Theatre, this city, Mr. Righter played Bob Austin, in "London, or Lights and Shadows of the Great City," Nov. 11, 1869. On Dec. 13, same year, he appeared at Wood's Museum (new Daly's), with the Ada Harland-Lisa Weber Burlesque Company, in the title role of "Dora Bella."

WILLIAM HOWELL SEYMOUR, an old actor, died Jan. 6, at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Dayton, O. The deceased was considered to be an excellent actor and possessed a fairly good singing voice as well, which stood him in good stead. When "Pinafore" was all the rage and was produced at the North Broad Street Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., he was the Sir Joseph Porter. He was also with the Alice Oates Opera Company and appeared in many of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. The remains were interred 10. in the Woodland Cemetery, Dayton.

MATTIE COPE (Mrs. Wm. Delavoye) died Jan. 10, in Paterson, N. J., from accidental asphyxiation. The deceased was twenty-five years old and was born in Liverpool, Eng. She came to this country in July, 1893, with her sister, Ethel Cope, and they traveled as the Cope Sisters. She was married at Providence, on May 14, 1896, to Will Delavoy, of Delavoy and Fritz. They had been connected with various combinations, and were this season with Al. Reeves' Co. Her husband and sister survive her. The remains were brought to this city for interment.

DANIEL MCCARTHY, the well known Irish comedian, died Jan. 15, at Bellevue Hospital, this city, from cirrhosis of the liver. He was about thirty-eight years of age, and began his professional career about fifteen years ago, when he and his wife, Kitty Coleman, did a song and dance act. After winning considerable reputation in this line, they began starring in "True Irish Hearts," and it is his work in this play which is best remembered. His wife survives him. The remains were taken to Hartford, Ct., for interment.

ROSE BUTTON, professionally known as Rose Glenn, a vaudeville performer, died suddenly in Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 8, from heart failure. She was a vocalist of considerable ability. The remains were quietly and nicely interred at Glenwood Cemetery, under the auspices of the attaches of the Newmarket Theatre, at which house she was engaged at the time of her death. Her husband, Guy Button, also in the profession, survives her.

CHARLES J. VOGEL, city bill poster, of Steubenville, O., died Jan. 12 at his home in that city. The deceased was born in that city in 1866, and began his career with circuses. He was at one time with the Barret & Sells Circus. A few years ago he was manager of the Steubenville Opera House. His mother, father, brother and sister survive him.

MATTHEW CARROLL, a variety performer, died Jan. 15, at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged twenty-four years. He was a member of a musical and acrobatic comedy quartet and at one time was with Henry E. Dixey's "Adonis" Co. He leaves a widow and one child.

PARODIES.

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